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**Hamstring injury rules Rohit out of SA Tests**

India's Test vice-captain Rohit Sharma was on Monday ruled out of the entire three-Test series against South Africa, as his old hamstring injury resurfaced during the team's net session in Mumbai, where he also took a hit on his hand. India A captain Priyank Panchal will be Rohit's replacement opener in the series. The BCCI has not announced a stand-in vice-captain, but it is expected that KL Rahul is the front-runner for being Virat Kohli's deputy | **P15**


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## PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general Public that my client, **Mr. SYED FAIROZUDDIN,** S/o. Late. Syed Fazlulla, residing at No 86/A, Ground Floor, 4th Main, Minhaj Nagar, Bangalore - 560 078. Have lost the (2) original sale deed, dated 05.11.1999 and 30.12.2000, which was duly registered as Document No 336/1999 - 2000, in Book-I, CD No 7 and Document No 4432/2001 - 01, in the office of the Sub-registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore. executed by Abdul Majeed and N Ram Das, in favour of Syed Fazlulla, any person found the said Sale Deeds they may contact at the address mentioned above in this regard my client lodge a complaint at Bangalore City.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

1. Property bearing No.38, Magadi Venkatappa Galli, Parvathipuram, Bangalore - 4, measuring East to West 26 ½ feet and North to South : 35 feet, together with house constructed thereon and bounded on the East by: Annadappa's House, West by: Passage, North by: Nanjamma's Property and South by: Nanjundappa's House.
2. Portion of the Property (Vacant Site) bearing No.37, Corporation Division No. 47 (Old), new Ward No. 50, Magadi Venkatappa Galli, Parvathipuram, Bangalore - 4, measuring East to West : 16 feet and North to South : 8 feet, and bounded on the East by: Property belonging to M. Sampangiramaiah and others, West by: Magadi Venkatappa Lane, North by: remaining portion of the same property sold in favour of V. Vasu and South by: Purchaser's Property.

**MUNEER AHMED,** Advocate
No. 100, PVR Road, Ranasinghpet,
Bangalore - 560 053. Dated : 13.12.2021

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**LOST TITLE DOCUMENTS**

My client **Smt. Vinitha Rohan Ajila** W/oRohan Yeshwanth Ajila, aged about 52 Years Residing at No.302, Elpalacio Apartment, No.6, Major General Loganadan Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore North Bangalore-560001, the GPA holder of Smt.Shakuntala N Shetty W/o Mr. Narendra D Shetty who is the owner of the SCHEDULE PROPERTY have lost her Original Sale Deed dated 31/08/1996 purchased from Smt. Janaki Gangaram and M/s Raj Trust a Private Trust, Registered in Document No.1108, Book No.1, Volume 20 registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Devanahalli.

That my client have already lodged a Police Complaint in this regard on 12/12/2021 in **Lost Report No.0109491/2021.** It is requested to the finder of Original Sale Deed dated 31/08/1996 to deliver the same to the undersigned or to my client against suitable reward. Further it is also to caution the general Public for not dealing with Schedule Property on the basis of his lost Sale Deed's.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing site/plot No.EE28(now bearing K.S.No.212/28) admeasuring 9825 Sq Feet being a portion of Sy No.155,in the Project Known as "JADE GARDEN"situated at Sadahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore North, having boundaries East by Site No.EE 25 measuring on that side 33.95 mts, West by Road measuring on that sie 34.75 mts, North by Site No.EE 27 measuring on that side 29.00 mts and South by Private Property measuring on that side 24.60 mts.

**R. Nanje Gowda,** Advocate
# 34, 2nd Floor, 11th Cross,
2nd Main, Indiranagar 1st Stage,
Bangalore-560038. Ph:9880425906

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients B. Manoharlal, B. Ashok Kumar, B. Rajesh Bantia are the owners of the schedule property. Our clients along with Mr. Chetan, son of Sridhar. B.H. resident of Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore have entered into arrangement as per the terms of Memorandum of Understanding dated 9th June 2016 in respect of the schedule property, they have also executed the General Power of Attorney dated 9th June 2016 in favour of Sri Chetan, son of B.H. Sridhar in respect of the schedule property. Since Mr. Chetan failed to perform his obligations in favour of our clients, our clients have terminated their arrangement recited in the Memorandum of Understanding dated 9th June 2016, they have also revoked the General Power of Attorney dated 9th June 2016 and the fact of termination and revocation was also communicated to Mr. Chetan. In view of termination / cancellation of the Memorandum of Understanding dated 9th June 2016, revocation of the General Power of Attorney dated 9th June 2016. Mr. Chetan son of B.H. Sridhar has no right no represent us in respect of the schedule property and if any person's transacts with Mr. Chetan son of B.H. Sridhar in respect of the schedule property they will be doing so at their own risk and such transaction do not bind our clients in any manner.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the portion of the vacant land bearing Survey No. 1/1, situated at Vajrahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 1 acre and 15 guntas, bounded on the East : Muniramaswamappa's land, West : Kanakapura Road, North: Nagappa's land and house, South: Narayanappa's land.

**N. SRIDHAR,** Advocate
Sri Payoonidhi Law Chambers,
Central Chambers, No. F.113, 2nd Main
Gandhinagar, BANGALORE-560009.

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**बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra एक परिवार एक बैंक**

**Asset Recovery Branch, No.15, Police Station Road, Basavangudi-560004 Tele: 080-26706723 / 26706722**

## CORRIGENDUM

Please refer to the Sale Notice dated 09.12.2021 published in this News Paper on 11.12.2021. Pertaining to M/s TKK Zippers and Threads India Private Limited (Borrower). **This is with reference to the Sale Notice dated 09.12.2021, published in News Paper dated 11.12.2021 wherein the property mentioned at Sr.no. 3. i.e.** All that piece and parcel of the House premises bearing old No.55, presently having Bangalore Mahanagara Palika Khata No.55/1, Situated at Lakshmana Mudaliar Street, Ward no.79, Shivajinagar Sub-Division, Bangalore and **bounded on the: East by:** Property no.57, **West by:** Property belonging to S Thimmaiah, **North by:** Property no.54, **South by:** Property no.56 & 57, Lakshmana Mudaliar Street and measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 15 feet measuring a site are of 450 sqft area of the common passage is 150 sq ft. total area of the property is 600 sqft including 30x15 feet ground floor, 10x20 ft first floor RCC roof house belonging to Mr. A Kumaresh.
**In respect there of the Sale Notice dated 09.12.2021 stands withdrawn.**

Date: 13.12.2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer, & Chief Manager
Place: Bengaluru Bank of Maharashtra, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

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**यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India**

**PEENYA BRANCH**
488-B, Ground Floor, KIADB Complex, IV Phase, 2nd Stage, 14th Cross, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bangalore-560058.
080–28368318 (GEN), 28366546,
Email: cb0763@unionbankofindia.com;

## E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

**E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to rule 8 of the Security Interest ( Enforcement) Rule, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India** ( secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is basis "** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to **Union bank of India** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

**1. Name and address of the Secured Creditor : Union Bank of India, Peenya Branch, 488-B, Ground Floor, KIADB Complex, IV Phase, 2nd Stage, 14th Cross, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bangalore – 560058.**
**Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Borrower :- 1.Mr. J. Shivakumar** S/o. Mr. H Jagadeeshaiah, **2. Shri. H. Jagadeeshiah, 3. Smt. J Hemalatha** W/o J. Shivakumar, **4. M/s. Clean Air Station, Prop. Shri J. Shivakumar,** All are residing at : No. 44, Suvarana Badavane, 3rd Cross, I Stage, 3rd Block, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore - 560072. **Guarantor for M/s. Clean Air Station, Shri. H. Jagadeeshiah,** No. 44, Suvarana Badavane, 3rd Cross, I Stage, 3rd Block, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore-560072.

**Amount due: Rs.55,71,273.98/-** (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three and Ninety Eight Paise only)
**Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold:** All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of Residential Land and Building at BDA site No. 44, PID No. 39-226-44, 3rd Cross, Suvarna Badavane, Nagarbhavi 1st Stage, 3rd Block, Bengaluru – 560 072, On the North : Property No. 68, On the South : Road (3rd Cross), On the East : Property No. 43, On the West : Property No. 45.

**Date and time of E-Auction: (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website-www.mstcecommerce.com**
**Date : 20.01.2022 from 11 AM to 2 P.M.**
**Last date for submission of EMD :**
**On or before the commencement of e-Auction**
**Reserve Price : Rs. 1,86,42,000/-**
**(Rupees One Crore Eighty Six Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Only)**
**Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 18,64,200/-**
**(Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Only)**

**2. Name and address of the Secured Creditor : Union Bank of India, 488-B, Ground Floor, KIADB Complex, IV Phase, 2nd Stage, 14th Cross, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bangalore – 560058.**
**Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Borrower :- Mrs. Sujatha L,** No. 131, Malai Mahadeshwara Nilaya, 1st Floor, 1st Main Vinayaka Layout, Medarahalli, Shettyhalli Main Road, Abbigere, Bangalore – 560090, **Also at : Govt Polytechnic Institute,** Near Govt College, B.H Road, Tumkur - 572103, **Guarantor: Mr. S. Ramachandra,** No. 131, Malai Mahadeshwara Nilaya, 1st Floor, 1st Main Vinayaka Layout, Medarahalli, Shettyhalli Main Road, Abbigere, Bangalore - 560090,

**Amount due: Rs. 39,36,425.39/-** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Five and Thirty Nine Paise only)
**Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold:** All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of property bearing Site No. 806, 9th Block, Anjanapura Further Extension Layout, Lalbahadur Shastri Nagar, Bengaluru -560 062 belongs to Mrs. L. Sujatha On the North : Site No. 807, On the South : Site No. 805, On the East : Site No. 820 & 821, On the West : Road.

**Date and time of E-Auction: (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions) E-auction website-www.mstcecommerce.com**
**Date : 20.01.2022 from 11 AM to 2P.M.**
**Last date for submission of EMD :**
**On or before the commencement of e-Auction**
**Reserve Price : Rs. 88,35,000/-**
**(Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Only)**
**Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 8,83,500/-**
**(Rupees Eight Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred Only)**

For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **(1) https://www.ibapi.in and www.unionbankofindia.co.in**
The online E-auction will be held through website: **For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit :https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.js**
**For E-Auction Related queries Please contact : 9535988812**

**Date: 10.12.2021** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place: Bengaluru** **Union Bank of India.**

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## SVC CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

**RECOVERY DEPARTMENT:** SVC TOWER, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU ROAD, VAKOLA, SANTACRUZ (EAST), MUMBAI-400 055. TEL NO.71999980/71999928/71999970
**REGIONAL OFFICE:** NO.1, 2ND FLOOR, CENTRAL BANK ROAD, CHAMRAJPET, BANGALORE - 560 018, PH: 080 71231027 TO 32
**Branch:** No.1210/C, 80 Feet Road, Near Hotel Deewar, 1st Phase, 2nd Stage, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru - 560040

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession has been taken by the Authorized Officer of SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" with respect to **05.01.2022** for recovery of **Rs.3,70,32,543.93** (Rs. Three Crore Seventy Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty Three and paisa Ninety Three only) as on 30.11.2021 together with future interest from 01.12.2021 at contractual rate plus legal costs/charges due to SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor from **(1) M/s. Klassic Interiors invention Pvt Ltd.,**"Saroja Towers', 35/1(old No.32), Opposite to Audugodi police quarters, Luskar House Road, Audugodi, Bengaluru 560 030 Also at : No.25, Chennakeshava Nilaya, 1st floor, 1-A Main Road, Byraveshwara Nagar, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru 560 072. **(2) Mrs. S. Parimala, (3) Mr. S. Sukumaran, (4) Mr. Sukumaran Shashidharan,** residing at: No. 3 and 4, Block VI, Skyline City Apartments, Nagarbhavi, Bengaluru 560072.

The reserve price will be **Rs.63,00,000/-** (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh only) for Each item and the earnest money **deposit will be Rs. 6,30,000/-** (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty Thousand only) for each item.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the property being apartment No.003 and 004 in "skyline City Block VI, situated on the ground floor measuring super built up area of 1433 square feet with converted car parking space No.12 in the basement constructed on the middle of the residentially converted land in survey No.140 (old NO.46/7) and B.D.A. No.140 situated at Nagarbhavi village, Yeshwantpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluka, Bangalore along with undivided right and interest equivalent to 348 square feet in the land and bounded as follows: East by : remaining portion of the same survey No. and internal Road, West by : remaining portion of the same survey No. and internal Road, North by : remaining portion of the same survey No. and internal road, South by : remaining portion of the same survey No. and internal Road.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link provided in SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor's website i.e. **https://www.svcbank.com/Home/Notice-Of-Sale**

**Date : 13.12.2021** **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
**Place : Bengaluru** **SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

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## AXIS BANK

**Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009**

**POSSESSION NOTICE** See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Bank Ltd.,** under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantor / Mortgagors and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on below mentioned dates.
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The Borrowers / Mortgagors / Guarantors in particular and the Public in General are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charges of the **Axis Bank Ltd.,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

**1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : M/s. B S Clothing Private Limited,** No 1/ 4 2nd Main Road Ramachandrapuram Sriram Puram Bangalore 560021. **Mr. Bhaskar M, Director, M/s B S Clothing Private Limited,** No 1/ 4 2nd Main Road Ramachandrapuram Sriram Puram Bangalore 560021. **Mr. Sounder Raj Director, M/s B S Clothing Private Limited,** No 1/ 4 2nd Main Road Ramachandrapuram Sriram Puram Bangalore 560021. **Mr. B S Clothing Private Limited** No 1 4 2nd Main Road Srirampura Bangalore 560021 **(Borrower/Mortgagor). Mr. Bhaskar M.** No 894 18th Main 5th Block Rajaji Nagar Bangalore 560010. **(Guarantor-1/ Mortgagor) Mr. Sounder Raj,** No 894 18th Main Road 5th Block Rajaji Nagar Bangalore 560010 **(Co-Applicant/Director)**
**Loan A/c No : PCR000904785329 and ECR000905367971. Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.3,49,00,921.00/-** (Rupees Three Crores Forty Nine Lakhs Nine Hundred Twenty One Only)being the amount due as on **25.08.2021** and interest thereon.
**Demand Notice Dated : 26.08.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 09.12.2021..**
**Details Of Mortgaged Property**: All that Piece and parcel of the residential property bearing B D A No. 894 (Eight Hundred & Ninety Four), Municipal No. 894/32(Eight Hundred & Ninety Four Over Thirty Two) Situated in 18th main road,5th Block Ranjajinagar, Bangalore Mahanagara Pallike Ward No-22, Measuring East to West 55'-0 (Fifty Five) AND North to South 40-0(Forty Feet) and bounded on the East By: Road, West By: Conservancy Lane, North By: Property No. 895,South By: Property No 893.
Together with RCC roofed residential building thereon, Constructed in the year 1979 with bricks and mortar, mosic flooring, teak wood doors and windows, having a total plinth area of 22 Squares, comprising of Cellar (7Squares), Ground Floor (14 Squares) & first Floor (1 Square) with civic amenities of electricity, water, Sanitary Connection, compound and gate, bore well with electric motor, overhead plastic tank Etc

**2. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Mr. Govindaraju Srinivathsa (Borrower)** F6 Aditya Shelters, 3rd Main 4th Stage BEML Lyt R R Nagar Bangalore Karnataka 560098 India **And Also:** F6 Aditya Shelters 3rd Main 4th Stage BEML Lyt R R Nagar Bangalore Karnataka 560068 India. **And Also:** Plot No 395 BEML Lyt Sy No 91/2 5th Stage 2nd Phase Halagevaderahallikengeri Hobli Bangalore Karnataka 560098. **Mrs. G Triveni (Co-Borrower)** F6 Aditya Shelters 3rd Main 4th Stage BEML Lyt R R Nagar Bangalore Karnataka 560098 India. **And Also:** Plot No 395 BEML Lyt Sy No 91/2 5th Stage 2nd Phase Halagevaderahallikengeri Hobli Bangalore Karnataka 560098.
**Loan A/c No : PHR067701725843, Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.58,70,109.00/-** Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Seventy Thousand One Hundred Nine Only) being the amount due as on **21.04.2021** and interest thereon.
**Demand Notice Dated : 22.04.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 09.12.2021..**
**Details Of Mortgaged Property: Schedule-A:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Plot No. 395 BEML layout Sy No. 91/2 5th Stage 2nd Phase Halagevaderahalli Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore 560098, together with the right to use common areas of the building the right to use water closet drainage lavatories and other conveniences and facilities amenities in or upon or pertaining to or connected to the flat / unit / office premises both present and future and easementary rights and together with all fixtures and fittings both present and future, measuring 2400 sq ft and bounded as follows: East : Site No. 394, West : Site No. 396, North: Road, South: Site No. 406.

**3. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Mr. Sowbhagya R,** No 253 9th Main Road Sampangirama Nagar Bangalore 560027. **(Borrower/Mortgager) Mr. Gopi,** No 253 9th Main Road Sampangirama Nagar Bangalore 560027 **(Co-Applicant) Mr..Prabhakar M,** No 253 9th Main Road Sampang irama Nagar, Bangalore 560027 **(Co-applicant)**
**Loan A/c No : LPR056101484607 and ECR056105444800, Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 1,07,73,728.00/-** (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Eight Only) being the amount due as on **16.08.2021** and interest thereon.
**Demand Notice Dated : 17.08.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 09.12.2021..**
**Details Of Mortgaged Property**: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing corporation No.21 (old No 250), situated at 8th Main Road, Sampanginagar (Sampigehalli), Corporation Division No.43, Present Division No.73, Presently Comes within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore and Bounded on.East by: Road, West By: Site No.253, North By: Site No 249, South By: Site No 251.

**4. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : Mr. Sandeep Kumar B** S/O Bathran No.13/1, 3rd Floor, 11th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Near Srinivas Temple, Bangalore -560068 **(Applicant/Mortgager) Also At, Mr. Sandeep Kumar B** S/O Bathran No 12/16 8 B Kannerimuku Kotagiri Nilgiri Nilgiris Tamil Nadu 643217 **(Applicant/Mortgager) Also At, Mr. Sandeep Kumar B** S/O Bathran Senior Engineer, Sintecmedia Bengaluru Private Limited No 12th Floor Block D IBC Knowledge Park Bhavani Nagar SG Palya Bangalore 560029 **(Applicant/Mortgager) Also At, Mr. Sandeep Kumar B** S/O Bathran Flat No.302, 3rd Floor, BBMP Katha No.248/128/124/1/124/7/302, "Padmavathi Pendents", Jaraganahalli Ward No.186, Jaraganahalli-Village, Uttarahalli-Hobli, Bangalore-South, Bangalore-560078 **(Applicant/Mortgager) 2) Mrs. Roshini R** W/O Sandeep Kumar B No.13/1, 3rd Floor, 11th Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Near Srinivas Temple, Bangalroe-560068 **(Co-Applicant/Mortgager) Also At, Mrs. Roshini R** No. 1/185, Melkundah, Doodacombai-Post, Melkundaih, Tamil Nadu-643219 **(Co-Applicant/Mortgager) Also At, Mrs. Roshini R** Flat No.302, 3rd Floor, BBMP Katha No.248/128/124/1/124/7/302, "Padmavathi Pendents", Jaraganahalli Ward No.186, Jaraganahalli-Village, Uttarahalli-Hobli, Bangalore-South, Bangalore-560078 **(Co-Applicant/Mortgager)**
**Loan A/c No : PHR168804680841, Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs.46,73,132.00/-** (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty Two Only) being the amount due as on **17.06.2021** and interest thereon.
**Demand Notice Dated : 17.06.2021 Possession Notice Dated : 09.12.2021..**
**Details Of Mortgaged Property: Schedule-A:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 4 & 5, Katha No.1/1, situated at Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Jaraganahalli ward No.186, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 60'0" feet and North to South : 50'.0" feet, totally measuring 3000 Sq.ft and same is bounded on the; East by : Site No.3, West by : Site No.6, North by : Road, South by : Site No.10 & 11.
**Schedule-B:** Residential flat bearing No.302, in the Third Floor, New BBMP Katha No. 248/128/124/1/124/7/302, super built up area of 946 Sq.ft , in the Apartment known as "Padmavathi Pendents", constructed on the Schedule- A Property, and having 245 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule A Property, consisting One Living Room, One Dining Hall, Two Bed Rooms, One Kitchen, Bathrooms and toilets, with RCC roof, Vitrified Floorings, doors and windows made of Jungle wood, with all civic amenities like water, Sanitary, Electricity, with lift and common power backup generator facilities along with right to Car Parking at Stilt Floor and other amenities in the Schedule –A Property.

**Date : 09.12.2021** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place : Bangalore** **Axis Bank**

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**POSSESSION NOTICE** (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices, details of which are mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors mentioned therein to repay the total amount mentioned in the demand notice along with future interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1. Name of Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: **(1) Mr. Nataraju,** S/o Late.Madaiah, No.38/5, 1st Cross, Cholurapalya, Behind Ganesh Temple, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023, **(2) Mr. Jayaramaiah,** S/o Mr. Sanjeevaiah, No.11, 2nd Main Road, 2nd Cross, Sanjeevini Nagar, Hegganahalli, Bengaluru-560091.
**Branch Name: Bengaluru – Rajajinagar Branch Date of Demand Notice: 30.08.2021**
**Amount Demanded: Rs.9,30,811.24 [Rupees Nine Lakhs Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven and Paisa Twenty Four Only] under PS Overdraft A/c No.0647000600240601 along with future interest from 01.08.2021.**
**Date of taking Possession: 09.12.2021**
**Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.9,81,115.24 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Eighty One Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and Paisa Twenty Four Only) under PS Overdraft A/c No.0647000600240601 along with future interest from 01.12.2021,** plus costs.
Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of vacant **Residential property** bearing **Site No.100,** Sector **'B' Category LIG, as per E-Katha Property No.150200103200721935, measuring 108.00 Sqm or 1162.08 Sft (East to West 9.00 Meters and North to South 12.00 Meters)** developed by the Karnataka Housing Board under Suvarna Karnataka Scheme and 225 Scheme situated at Suryanagara Phase-II, Hinnaki Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District - 560105 , belonging to **Mr. Jayaramaiah. Boundaries of Property (As per Deed/Actual), East by:** Site No.101 LIG/ Vacant Site, **West by:** Site No.99 LIG/Vacant Site, **North by:** Site No.73 MIG/ Vacant Land, **South by:** 9 Mtr Wide Road/Road.

2. Name of Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor: **(1) Mr. Manjunatha Reddy S,** S/o Mr. Siddalinga Reddy, **(2) Mrs. Sunitha,** W/o Mr. Manjunatha Reddy S, Both addressed at: No.323, Govinda Shetty Palya, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru-560100.
**Bengaluru – Bengaluru–HSR Layout Branch Date of Demand Notice: 07.09.2021**
**Amount Demanded: Rs.4,44,90,156.21 [Rupees Four Crore Forty Four Lakhs Ninety Thousand One Hundred Fifty Six and Paise Twenty One Only] i.e. Rs.1,20,85,862.92 under PSOD A/c 1287000600004601 along with future interest from 01.09.2021 and Rs.3,24,04,293.29 under TL A/c 1287001600044001 along with future interest from 06.09.2021.**
**Date of taking Possession: 09.12.2021**
**Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.4,57,83,206.71 [Rupees Four Crore Fifty Seven Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Six and Paise Seventy One Only] i.e. Rs.1,24,86,972.42 under PSOD A/c 1287000600004601 along with future interest from 01.12.2021 and Rs.3,32,96,234.29 under TL A/c 1287001600044001 along with future interest from 06.12.2021,** plus costs.
Description of the Immovable Property: All part and parcel of **Residential property, measuring 38,202 sq.ft bearing Old Sy.No.47/1E, New Sy.No.47/1E2, Khata No.1280 and 1496** with a residential building constructed thereon admeasuring **4996 sq.ft. (GF+FF+SF)** situated at Konappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Electronic City Phase II, Govinda Shetty Palya, KIADB Layout, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru-560100, belonging to **Mr. Manjunatha Reddy S. Boundaries of property: East by:** Land belonging to KIADB, **West by:** Road and property belonging to Chandrareddy, **North by:** Property belonging to Prabhakar Reddy, **South by:** Property belonging to Late Shivanna.

The borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties, as described herein above, in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **09.12.2021.**
The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned herein above and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd.,** for amounts as described herein above.
[The attention of the borrowers/mortgagors is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Date: 09.12.2021 For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

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## THE BHAVASARA KSHATRIYACO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Head Office: "Sahakara Sadana", No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053, Phone: 080-22972781/82

**AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

**NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ISSUED UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002**

**The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited Bangalore had taken possession of the house properties described hereunder mortgaged to the Bank by way of security for repayment of immovable Property Loan availed by the respective borrowers mentioned here below, Notice of Auction of the secured assets is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the public in general, under Rules 8 & 9 of Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.**

**Details of the borrower, property, reserve price, etc, are as below**

| Sl No. | Borrower/s Name Branch Name | Property Address | Reserve Price & Amount Due to Bank | Public Auction Date, Time & Place |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **CANTONMENT BRANCH** | | | |
| 1 | Sri.Ashok M.V No.35, 11th B Cross, Jayanthinagar Main Road, Esteem Enclave, Horamavu Bengaluru-560 043. | All that piece and parcel of immovable property No. 35/303/2 situated at Kalkere Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, consisting of building within the area measuring: East to West: 40 feet North to South : $\frac{30 + 26}{2}$ Bounded on the: East by:Road, West by : Site No. 28, North by:Site No.34, South by:Private Property. | Reserve Price Rs.59,51,000.00 Amount Due as on 12.01.2022 Rs.43,00,579/- | 12.01.2022 11.30 am At the premises of the Bank "Sahakara Sadana" No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053. |
| 2 | 1.Smt.Mangala Rama 2.Sri.G.Rama 3.Smt.Swathi All are residents of No.48, Sai ram complex, Laxman Modiliar Street, Bengaluru-560 001. | All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing New BBMP Khatha No.09/1447/09, Old Khatha No.1447, Property No.9, situated at Bileshivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk., Bangaluru , consisting of building within the area measuring: East to West: 50 feet North to South : 100 feet, Bounded on the: East by:Road, West by : Property belongs to purchaser herein, North by :Property belongs to purchaser herein, South by : Shivakumar"s Property. | Reserve Price Rs.1,18,26,000.00 Amount Due as on 17.01.2022 Rs.47,88,368/- | 17.01.2022 11.30 am At the premises of the Bank "Sahakara Sadana" No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053. |
| 3 | 1.Sri.Srinivas S 2.Smt.Radhika S Both residing at No.19, Ramakrishna Mutt Road, Halasur, Bengaluru-560 008. | No.64, pattanagere City Municipal Khatha No.1500 and formed out of Sy.No.10 and the same being converted by virtue of conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)49/96/97, dated 20.09.1996, from the Special deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bengaluru situated at pattanagere village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, Bengaluru . Measuring: East to West : 40 feet North to South : 60 feet, Bounded on the: East by: Property No.63, West by: Property No.65, North by: Property No.59, South by:Property No.63 SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing 1/8th share equivalent to 281.31 Sq.ft of undivided right, title and interest in the immovable land mentioned in the Schedule "A" property. SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY All that piece and parcel of the immovable property situated at Ground Floor of the "Dyuti Sparkle" bearing Apartment No.64-G-2, constructed over the schedule "A" property with a super built up structure consisting of 920.09 Sq.ft and an undivided share of 1/8th share in all the Schedule " A" property, including common area amenities such as two wheeler parking covered staircases, common passage, commonly lobby, water tanks, including sump and terrace in the complex. The Apartment consists of one hall, two bed rooms, one kitchen, two bathrooms with attached toilets, windows with steel grill, doors of normal wood and flooring of vitrified tiles, along with one car park (exclusively belonging to Apartment bearing No.64-G-2). | Reserve Price Rs.45,66,000.00 Amount Due as on 18.01.2022 Rs.44,28,158/- | 18.01.2022 11.30 am At the premises of the Bank "Sahakara Sadana" No.63/67, 24th Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560 053. |

Place of Auction: At the places mentioned in column no. 5
Date of Auction: As per details in column No.5 above and 'AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION'
Terms and Conditions:
1. To participate in the Auction, the intending bidders have to deposit a sum of Rs.25000-00 by way of DD as EMD favoring The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bengalore payable at Bangelore on the date of Auction before 10.30am.
2. The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount immediately on the same day and the balance of 75% within 15 days in single installment by way of DD as stated above. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payment or fails to adhere to the terms of sale in any manner, the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim on such forfeited amount.
3. All other liabilities charges and expenses like legal charges, stamp duty, registration fee/cost etc. shall be borne by the purchaser only.
4. On receipt of the entire bid amount and on confirmation of sale the undersinged shall issue a Certificate of Sale in favor of the purchaser in the form given in the aforesaid Act.
5. The deposit of the unsuccessful bidders would be returned without interest immediately on conclusion of the Auction.
6. The Undesigned shall have powers to include or exclude or accept or reject bids or postpone/ cancel the Auction without assigning any reason thereof including addition or deletion of other terms.
7. For inspection of the property and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at Head Office during office hours between 10.00 AM and 5.00PM.
8. For further details contact The Assistant Manager of the Bank.

Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 09.12.2021 The Bhavasara Kshatriya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru

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## THE HOTEL INDUSTRIALISTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Regd. Office: "Sahakara Sourabha", No.234, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru - 560 018. Phone: 080-26678329, 26612482, 41277283,
E-mail: ho@hicbank.com, Website: www.hicbank.com

**Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice**

**AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.**

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd, Chamrajpet Bangalore** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Borrower | Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement | Reserve Price and EMD | Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank | Date & Time of opening tender & place of auction |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY** | | | |
| 1. | **1) Mr. Venkatesh K N** S/o Late K N N Iyengar Office No.75, 2nd Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. Also at: 82/1, 1st Floor, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Bangalroe-560021. **2) Mrs. Kureti Vijaya Durga** W/o K Srinivasa Rao No.768, Begur Hongasandra, MICO Layout, Garvebhavi Palya, Bangalore-560058. | All that part and parcel of the Industrial Land Property bearing Plot **No.181-B,** Bommasandra Grama Panchayath Katha **N.169/181-B,** Bommasandra Industrial Area, formed in Survey **No.270,** situated at Bommasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore-560099 and in measuring East to West (75.40+77.40)/2 meters and North to South (11.00+20.20) meters, in all measuring **1177.40 square meters.** Bounded By : East : Plot No.178, West : Road, North : Plots Nos. 180 and 181, South : Private Land. **Built Area: About GF=2099 sq. ft. with RCC Roofing** | Rs.4,47,97,850/- (Rupees Four Crore Forty Seven Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Only) **EMD: Rs.44,79,785/-** (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five Only) | Rs.5,38,15,282/- (Rupees Five Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Two Only) as on 28/02/2021, | **30/12/2021 at 11.30 AM EMD Date 29/12/2021 before 5.00 P M.** |

**Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: - 1.** The Tender form can be collected from **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., "Sahakara Sourabha" No.234, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru-560018. (ph. 080-41277283)** on all working days during office hours. **2.** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore-** payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **3.** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore** latest by **29/12/2021 before 5.00 P M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **4. The property "SHALL NOT"** be sold below the reserve price. 5.In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **6.** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **7.** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 30/12/2021, 8.** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **9.** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **10.** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **11.** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **12.** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **13.** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **14.** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

**For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore "Sahakara Sourabha" No.234, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru-560018, for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No.080-41277283) E-Mail: ho@hicbank.com**

**Date: 13.12.2021** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place: Bangalore** **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd.**

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## INCREASE IN FOOD PRICES PUSHES RETAIL INFLATION TO 4.91% IN NOV

**India's benchmark inflation rate rose slightly to 4.91% last month on the back of higher fruit and vegetable prices, govt data showed**

### INDIA'S CORE INFLATION STANDS AT 6.1%

In comparison, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation for October was 4.48% and 6.93% in November 2020. Food inflation was 1.87% in November, up from 0.85% in October, while core (non-food, non-fuel) inflation rose to 6.1% from 5.8%. December inflation is likely to cross 5.5%, said M Govinda Rao, Chief Economic Adviser at Brickwork Ratings

### PRICE RISE WITHIN RBI TOLERANCE LEVEL

- The RBI is mandated to keep inflation in a band of 2-6%. Data for November has been in range for the fifth consecutive month. The RBI expects headline inflation to peak in the fourth quarter
- "Dec 2021 and Jan-March 2022 trends are likely to test above official forecast," said Radhika Rao, economist, DBS Bank | **P14**

### Urban

**C.P.I. INFLATION STOOD AT 5.54%, COMPARED TO 4.29% IN RURAL AREAS**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi carrying a pot of Ganga water to the Kashi Vishwanath shrine, in Varanasi in Monday | PTI

# Three-point pitch as Modi opens the Kashi corridor

**NAMITA BAJPAI** @ Lucknow

INAUGURATING Phase I of the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor in Varanasi on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged people to take three resolutions for the holistic development of the country.

Addressing a galaxy of saints and other dignitaries on the grand courtyard of the newly constructed corridor complex, Modi said: "I want you all to take three resolutions — *Swachchhta* (cleanliness), *Srijan* (Innovation) and *Atmanirbharta* (self-reliance) today, not for myself but for our country."

Describing cleanliness as a way of life, Modi called for people's participation in accomplishing it, especially in the Namami Gange Mission, which aims to clean up the Ganga. "A small step of duty will go a long way in taking the country forward in this direction."

Dwelling on the second resolution, Modi said centuries of slavery had shattered the self-confidence of Indians to such an extent that they lost faith in their ability to create and innovate. "From this 1,000-year-old Kashi, I call upon every countryman to create and innovate with full confidence," Modi said.

He cited the start-up boom that began during the pandemic, as the spirit of Indians to innovate and create something new even in the most adverse circumstances.

On self-reliance, he reiterated his 'vocal for local' pitch to drive home the point. "In the ongoing *Amrit Mahotsav* of *Azadi*, we will have to work for what India will be like when it celebrates 100 years of Independence," Modi said.

"The Kashi Vishwanath temple premises, which was only around 3,000 sq ft, has now grown to about 5 lakh sq ft. As such, 50,000 to 75,000 devotees can come to visit the temple and its premises," Modi said.

Phase I of the corridor has been constructed at an outlay of ₹339 crore. Modi had laid the foundation stone of the project on March 8, 2019.

A total of 24 buildings were inaugurated in Phase I. They provide a variety of facilities to pilgrims, including *yatri suvidha kendras* (tourist facilitation centre), Vedic kendra, *mumukshu bhavan*, *bhogshala*, city museum, viewing gallery and a food court.

The inauguration of the corridor comes just months ahead of the crucial Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, where the BJP government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is aiming to retain power. Speaking on the occasion, Adityanath described the project as unprecedented. "After 400 years, Kashi Vishwanath Dham has been revived, he said. **P11**

**Aurangzeb & Shivaji**

Modi raised the chant of *Har Har Mahadev* several times. "Tyrants attacked this city, tried to destroy it. History is witness to Aurangzeb's atrocities, his terror... But here if an Aurangzeb comes, a Shivaji also rises," Modi said

# CM hints at introducing Love Jihad Bill in B'gavi

'Will see which laws come up before scrutiny panel and get cleared'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Belagavi

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday hinted that the government may table Love Jihad Bill during the ongoing winter session of the Legislature at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi. When asked whether the Love Jihad Bill would be introduced by the government, he said, "We have to wait and see which are the Bills that will come up before the Scrutiny Committee and get cleared."

Earlier in the day, Power Minister Sunil Kumar said the government will bring in Love Jihad Bill soon.

Already, there is stiff resistance from Congress and other organisations to the anti-conversion Bill which the government has committed to introducing during the present session. Sunil Kumar's statement is expected to add fuel to fire when the Bill is tabled in both Houses. He said the BJP brought the Cow Slaughter Bill already as promised and it is now ready to pass the anti-conversion Bill during the ongoing session.

Opposition leader in the Council SR Patil said, "The BJP which has a majority in both Houses may get the anti-conversion and Love Jihad Bills passed, but it will be against our Constitution. If the passing of these Bills is appealed before the court, they will certainly get struck down. Congress will continue to oppose both the Bills."

On the anti-conversion Bill, Sunil Kumar said there is no confusion within BJP and it is not being introduced to target any community. Congress should explain its logic behind opposing legislation, he said.

On Sunday, Bommai too said the government will introduce the Bill during the Belagavi session, while Home Minister Araga Jnanedra justified the move, saying the Bill will ensure cordial relations between religions.

Assembly Opposition leader Siddaramaiah hit out at BJP, alleging that it is introducing the Bill with ulterior motives. There is no need for such a Bill in the state, he added. **P6**

**Bommai in Varanasi**

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai departed to Varanasi by special fight from Belagavi on Monday evening, to attend the BJP chief ministers' meeting convened by PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday.

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| Fresh cases | 7,774 | 7,350 |
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| Deaths | 306 | 202 |

| KARNATAKA | DEC 12 | DEC 13 |
|---|---|---|
| Fresh cases | 330 | 236 |
| Recoveries | 304 | 321 |
| Deaths | 4 | 7 |

# Terror attack on J&K police bus leaves 2 cops dead

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

IN a major attack on Monday evening, terrorists opened heavy fire at a police bus in Zewan in Srinagar's outskirts, killing at least two policemen including an assistant sub inspector and injuring 12 others.

Police sources said the terrorists fired with automatic weapons at a bus of J&K Armed Police's 9th battalion on the Pantha Chowk–Khunmoh road, a few hundred yards away from J&K Armed Police Headquarters around 5.50 pm.

Fourteen injured policemen were evacuated to a hospital, where ASI Ghulam Hassan (NO. 861250) and a selection grade constable died of their wounds. The condition of three other injured cops is said to be critical.

After the attack, top security officials and contingents of police, CRPF and Army rushed to the area. The security men launched a search operation to track down the militants.

The attack sparked strong condemnation from Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and all political parties in J&K.

Soldiers close to the site of an attack by terrorists near Srinagar on Monday | PTI

In a tweet, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said, "PM Narendra Modi has sought details on the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir. He has also expressed condolences to the families of those security personnel who have been martyred in the attack."

It was the second militancy related incident in Srinagar on Monday. Earlier, two Lashkar-e-Toiba militants were killed in a brief encounter in the Rangreth area in the outskirts of Srinagar in the morning.

After the Rangreth encounter, youth in the area clashed with security personnel and pelted stones at them. Local women, too, protested, chanting anti-India slogans.

# BMRCI sends skin to Command Hosp, faces Covid-linked shortage

**CHETANA BELAGERE** @ Bengaluru

THE skin bank at the Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute (BMCRI), located on the Victoria Hospital premises, is facing a severe shortage of skin from donors, mainly due to the Covid pandemic and also lack of awareness among people to sign up as skin donors.

After sending strips of cadaver skin to Air Force Command Hospital, the BMCRI Skin Bank is now left with just a few square centimetres of skin grafts, which can be used to treat only two or three burn patients.

The request from the Command Hospital came on Saturday for the first time, days after Group Captain Varun Singh, who has suffered 85 per cent burns in the helicopter crash that killed Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat on December 8, was admitted there. Group Captain Varun Singh is the sole survivor in the crash near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu. His condition continues to be critical but stable, said sources from the Command Hospital.

BMCRI sources said the bank gets around 1,000-1,500 sqcm of skin from one cadaver, and to treat one person with more than 50 per cent burns, skin from at least five donors is required.

"The bank was closed because of the pandemic and there is now a severe shortage of skin. Many people don't know that they can donate skin. We have limited availability of fully processed skin for use on burn patients and we have sent our stock to the Command Hospital. If our hospital requires skin grafts then we will have to source it from skin banks in Mumbai or Chennai," said a senior doctor at BMCRI on condition of anonymity.

"Now, we are getting one or two cadavers a day. The hospital has fallen short by almost 50-70 per cent from the pre-pandemic days in terms of skin donations," he added.

Every month, the bank receives seven to eight requests, but it does not have enough reserves.

**EXPRESS READ**

### UK reports world's first Omicron fatality

LONDON: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday confirmed the UK's first death from the Omicron variant of the coronavius, probably the first known fatality from the highly transmissible variant of Covid-19 in the world. Infections here are doubling every 2-3 days | **P16**

### Lanka prez Gotabaya suspends Parliament

COLOMBO: In an unusual move, Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has prorogued Parliament for one week and left for Singapore on an unscheduled visit. Officials said the visit could be for medical purposes. The move could delay Cabinet action on a possible IMF bailout | **P13**

**MISS UNIVERSE 2021**

India's Harnaaz Sandhu, 21, waves after being crowned Miss Universe 2021 at Eilat in Israel on Monday, beating contestants from as many as 80 countries | PTI

**LANGUAGE ISSUE**

# Don't push Kannada in higher classes: HC to govt

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Monday directed the state government and universities not to precipitate the matter of making Kannada a compulsory language in higher education, based on the purported implementation of the National Education Policy 2020.

A division bench of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order after hearing the petitions filed by the Samskrita Bharathi Karnataka Trust and Shivakumar KG and others, studying at Vijaya College at Basavanagudi in Bengaluru.

Advocate Sridhar Prabhu, representing the petitioner-students, argued that college admissions are over and universities are insisting that colleges send their admission lists for finalisation of admissions.

Meanwhile, Additional Solicitor-General of India MB Naragund submitted that he is not able to get instructions from the Union Government on its stand over making Kannada a compulsory language, in compliance with directions issued by the court.

Orally observing that students are suffering because of this issue, the court gave time to clear the stand of the Union of India on issues involved in the writ petitions, questioning the implementation of Kannada in undergraduate courses.

Adjourning the hearing to December 16, 2021, the court said the state government and universities should not precipitate the matter.

**CROAK CROAK**

# *It's dance of war, not love, for state's own Kottigehara frog*

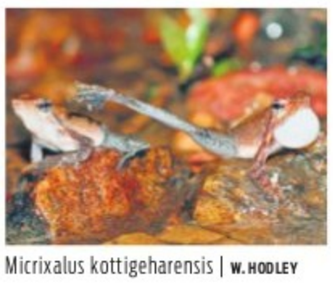
**BOSKY KHANNA** @ Bengaluru

BIRDS are commonly known to perform fantastic dance routines to attract mates, but here is a frog species from Karnataka that gyrates to stamp its authority over its boundaries.

For the first time, a study was conducted comparing the Kottigehara dancing frog with the Bornean rock frog (foot flagging frog). Both species have similar dance moves and are found in similar regions. But the study proved that they dance for completely different reasons, setting off leading batrachologists (those who study amphibians, including frogs) from Bengaluru and other countries to take up more detailed research.

The study -- 'A Common Endocrine Signature Marks the Convergent Evolution of an Elaborate Dance Display in Frogs', which was released in November 2021 -- assessed the behaviour of frogs and reasons for their dancing.

KV Gururaj, a co-author of the study and Adjunct Scientist at the Research and Development Centre and Science Media Centre, Indian Institute of Science Campus, Gubbi Labs, told The New Indian Express, "The Bornean rock frog, which resides behind streams, makes a loud beep call and raises its leg and dances to draw the attention of its mate. But the Kottigehara dancing frog, found in the Western Ghats, again along the river, dances to mark its territory and show its superiority."



Micrixalus kottigeharensis | W. HODLEY

The two species were chosen as they not only have a similar behaviour but also the dancing style, which includes lifting of hind legs.

Since the reasons for their dancing were found to be different, researchers are out to study other species and understand why frogs in South America and Australia too dance. Scientifically, frogs do not dance, but only make a gestural display.

Researchers said that they studied how common traits arise in unrelated species that often evolve similar phenotypic solutions to the same environmental problem. **P9**

# Helipad coming up on Victoria hosp's new 10-floor wing

Will aid organ transplant, mass evacuation

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

IN a move that would go a long way in helping timely transportation of donor organs to recipients and mass evacuation in the event of an emergency, the State government has reportedly sanctioned a helipad for the State-owned super-speciality Victoria Hospital. The helipad will be built on the under-construction 1,000-bed building coming up in the hospital premises, adjacent to the administration building.

"We had sent a proposal to the government for a helipad because of various reasons. Victoria Hospital is a tertiary referral hospital with a super-speciality wing dealing with organ transplant. The helipad will facilitate in transporting life-saving organs to the recipients, cutting down on travel time and avoiding traffic congestion on the roads," said Dean, Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute (BMCRI) Dr Jayanthi.

She added that the helipad has also been proposed keeping in mind mass evacuation in the event of an emergency/natural or man-made disaster," she added. The Dean added that the feasibility study on the helipad, including soil testing etc, has already been done and the same has been submitted to the government. The helipad will come up on top of the 10-floor, 1,000-bed building inside the hospital premises. "Five floors of the building are built. It should be completed by early to mid-2023," added Dr Jayanthi.

Meanwhile, Victoria Hospital is soon getting a hyperbaric oxygen therapy chamber. "The HBO2 unit will be installed in the next 15 days," she added. HBO2 involves breathing pure oxygen in a pressurised environment. It is a well-established treatment for decompression sickness, serious infections, bubbles of air in the blood vessels, and wounds that may not heal as a result of diabetes or radiation injury.

In a HBO2 chamber, the air pressure is increased two to three times higher than normal. Under these conditions, lungs can gather much more oxygen than would be possible, breathing pure oxygen at normal air pressure.

An artist's impression of the helipad

A Citizens For Citizens member and a boy hold placards against honking in Cubbon Park on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

# Cubbon Park might turn into a no-honking zone soon

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

CUBBON Park may become a no-honking zone as the Citizens For Citizens (C4C) have petitioned before Joint Commissioner (Traffic) Dr BR Ravikanthe Gowda.

"We've accepted a petition from C4C to turn Cubbon Park into a no-honking zone and are currently carrying out a study. Based on the report, we may issue a notification to that effect," Gowda said.

On Monday, C4C, an organisation dedicated to helping citizens, gathered at Cubbon Park to spread awareness on noise pollution. "Many people are unaware that there are laws banning shrill, loud or multi-tone horns, and many other violations, like repeated unnecessary honking or honking in silent zones," said Rajkumar Dugar, founder and convener of C4C.

Around 20 people gathered, lining one of the park's roads holding placards to discourage motorists from honking. "We gathered here today, because both people and fauna are affected by the cacophony of horns in Cubbon Park. We need to ensure that the park remains an environmentally friendly place for people to enjoy," said Dugar.

According to a report by ornithologist Dr S Subramanya, of the 106 bird species found in Cubbon Park, 44 are likely to be directly affected by vehicular noise pollution. "These tend to be birds that live in lower parts of trees in Cubbon Park and some that roost on the ground. It's the biggest reason why we're undertaking this campaign," said Dugar.

He said the campaign was also the first to bring about awareness in case Cubbon Park is turned into a no-honking zone.

# Metro fudging number of trees cut, tweets Disha, false news, insists chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a series of tweets in which she got the Metro line in question wrong, Bengaluru-based climate activist **Disha Ravi** has charged Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) of not being honest about the actual number of trees being cut for its project, and demanded greater transparency.

An emotional BMRCL MD Anjum Parwez countered it, and called for an end to the spread of false news about the organisation.

Ravi shot to prominence after she was arrested for allegedly being the key conspirator in the dissemination of an online toolkit on the farmers' protest, which was later shared by Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg.

In a tweet on Sunday -- in which Ravi erroneously refers to Outer Ring Road Line (Phase 2A) as Airport Line – Ravi said nearly 800 trees would be chopped between Central Silk Board and Kadubeesanahalli. Both these stations figure on the ORR Line.

"On a field visit, it was confirmed that 15 trees along the lake will also be cut, they didn't put this out to the public in their docs," her tweet added. Her tweets spoke of 774 objections received from the public, and charged BMRCL of not paying heed to them. Compensatory afforestoration is another "greenwashing tactic", she alleged. Claiming that 4,777 trees would be cut, she demanded a single notice on it, and information on the environmental and social impact on citizens.

Parwez said the trees cut or transplanted by BMRCL were supervised by an Expert Committee constituted by the High Court. "How will we furnish wrong information to the HC? We will be behind bars if we do so," he said. "We are a completely transparent organisation. The information being spread against us is completely wrong and we urge individuals to desist from doing so. We are forced to remove the trees only for the sake of Bengaluru. Every tree that is being cut is substituted for by 10 trees, and we have planted 10,000 trees so far. Another 60,000 trees will be planted in future," the MD said.

## *Arkavathy Layout site allottees send 1,284 applications to BDA*

BENGALURU: A total of 1,284 applications have been submitted by the public to BDA, in connection with issues faced by allottees of Arkavathy Layout. A three-member committee constituted by the Karnataka High Court will look into issues pertaining to the layout. The court had on September 27 constituted the committee, comprising retired HC judge Justice K N Keshavanarayana, retired IAS officer Sandeep Dave and retired IPS officer N S Megharikh, to assess whether the redo and denotification orders complied with the HC and Supreme Court orders. The BDA nodal officer for the panel told TNIE, "The committee had asked the public to submit their applications over a month, from October 23. Though the deadline is over, site allottees keep submitting them and we are accepting them at our kiosks set up for the purpose. Even today (Monday), we received 70 applications." The committee, which does not have a separate office so far, will shortly move to its new premises at Krishi Bhavan, near Hudson Circle, she said. Arkavathy Layout was planned in 2003-2004, and a total of 2,750 acres were acquired in 16 villages in Bengaluru East and Yelahanka. A total of 8,813 sites were allotted. However, a series of denotification orders were issued over the years, that cancelled 3,720 of the allotted sites, making the entire allotment procedure a mess. ENS

ABOVE PAR

# *World is a golf course now for this girl prodigy from city*

Avani Prashanth

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S leading amateur female golfer, 15-year-old Bengalurean Avani Prashanth, has been selected for the Global Child Prodigy Award 2022. The teenage golfer has bagged multiple titles in the golfing world, and hopes to win more in the coming years. "I was super excited when I found out about the award. It feels great to win it, because a lot of children get selected, and only a couple are nominated for it," she told *TNIE*. The award names a hundred children across 48 categories and 68 countries. Avani has won the award for excellence in golf. In November, she had topped the Indian Golf Union (IGU) All-India Ladies Amateur Golf Championship, being one of the youngest to win both the stroke and match play tournaments.

"Now that I'm the number one amateur player in India, I'm planning on representing India in a lot of international tournaments," she said. She is currently competing in the IGU All India Junior Boys and Girls Golf Championship 2021. "I have drawn up a list of golf tournaments overseas I want to play and win, and improve my world ranking to the top 50 by the end of next year. I also want to win a gold medal for India at the 2024 Paris Olympics and become the top golfer in the world," she said, stating that she looked up to golfers like Tiger Woods and Nelly Korda.

The student of Greenwood High International School says her school had been very encouraging. "Our principal, D'Mello sir, doesn't think twice when I need to take a day off for a tournament," she said.

Principal Aloysius D'Mello said, "Talents like Avani are rare, and it is our conviction that such children have to be encouraged to enable them to reach more milestones. We are very excited by Avani's achievement and going by her abilities, we are confident that she will scale greater heights."

## Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**14th December : I was recently reading about what used to be called 'Egyptian Days'. Essentially this means that certain days are especially auspicious, and indicate that we can face the future with courage. When they occur, and if you feel ready to begin new enterprises, you should make sure that they are optimistic, expansive and likely to benefit everybody! I'll reveal more as I find it out.**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Moon is forcing you to face up to social responsibilities and turn your attention to what you can do for the good of all. Your goal today should be to reform all personal contacts. You may cut out self-interest, and eliminate stale old habits and responses as well.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You're much too smart to be taken in and there is no point in telling you that everything in the garden is rosy. However, I am duty bound to point out that the majority of the planets are harmoniously aligned and therefore that any complaints or grumbles are likely to be exaggerated!

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
Personally and emotionally this could be quite a complex and challenging time, but not, it must be stressed, because your planets are in a sensitive mood. Everything arises from the plain fact that you're not quite sure what you want at home.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
Financial arrangements should now be completed and your course for the coming period may be set. Remember that your next twelve months should be relatively prosperous, so don't let doubts creep in now. What you have to do first is break out of the patterns which have lost you money in the past.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's a day for business, but not for major long-term decisions. Your judgment is bound to suffer, so don't be taken in by amazing offers or wonderful promises - they'll probably fail to materialise. On the other hand, every idea needs to be considered because you can't yet say which one is going to yield dividends, including emotional ones.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There is a slight tendency to get carried away and ignore all those obvious pit falls. Over the next few days your judgment will deteriorate. Artistic and romantic Virgos will benefit, but if you've detailed matters to consider, take care - very great care indeed.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Most of your problems at the moment seem to emanate from feeling slightly restricted. Yet you'll probably find it difficult to put your finger on what exactly is happening, and to whom. It all depends on your personal situation, so don't judge other people too harshly.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
This is definitely not an ideal time to try to arrange discussions or meetings. By the beginning of next week, though, you'll discover that other people are more sympathetic to your aims, even if they do still fail to comprehend the real inner you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Changes at home are a distinct possibility. However, if by any chance you are dreaming of a move or similar substantial improvements, the indications are complex, and driven by regrets and resentment over what happened in the past. In this case you must rely on yourself.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You find it so easy to confuse the wood with the trees that you may leave yourself in an awful muddle. Do continue to take extra care when travelling, and be sure to let others know what you're up to. The fact is, you like to be liked and you'll never forgive yourself if you think you've let a special person down.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Financial affairs are about to get more intense, not less, so I doubt if you've anything to gain from ignoring a problem in the hope that it will go away. A friend, possibly female, is about to come to your aid, but the funny thing is that you might not find out about it for another three or four weeks.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
No doubt you would prefer to do things in a direct and open manner. Yet with Mercury in such an intriguing situation, this kind of ambition seems to be a long way off. Until you are sure of your ground, stick to what you know. Sometimes it seems as if you can make something happen just by dreaming about it. Not true, I'm afraid!

**THE PHANTOM**

YOU KNOW OLD MOZZ... ALWAYS A STORY TO TELL..
ALWAYS!—AND ALWAYS FROM MEMORY! NOW HE'S WRITING IN THE CHRONICLES!?
THE MOZZ I KNOW IS HAPPY TO TELL A STORY TO ANYONE—TO EVERYONE!
...SO WHY IS THIS TALE FOR ME ALONE?

**HI AND LOIS**

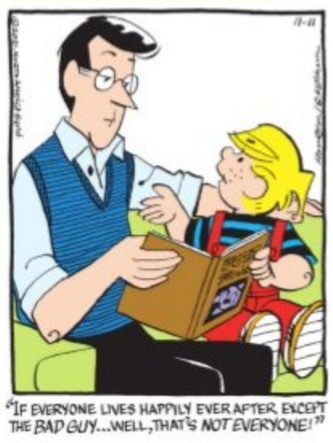
**BEETLE BAILEY**

**BLONDIE**

I'M TAKING A SURVEY OF LOCAL BUSINESSES AND I'M INTERESTED IN HOW YOUR SHOP IS DOING
BUSINESS IS PRETTY STEADY
MAY I QUOTE YOU ON THAT?
IS THIS FOR AN ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER?
OH, NO! I JUST ENJOY SPREADING INTERESTING GOSSIP!

**LOCKHORNS**

**DENNIS THE MENACE**




**SU DO KU**

**Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle**

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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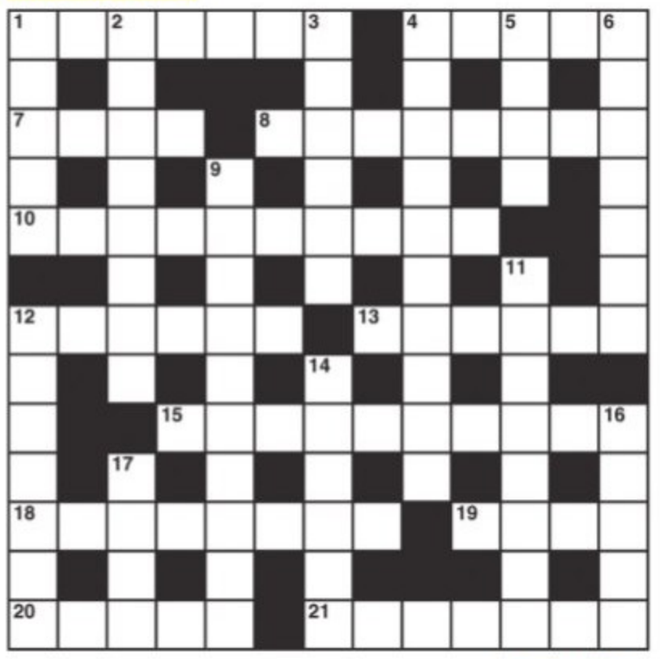
**CROSS WORD**



**ACROSS**

1 I've cut the tips for the salad (7)
4 Well-known craze takes me in (5)
7 Minor quarrel but it turns very loud (4)
8 Training tracks (8)
10 A very original couple (4,3,3)
12 This boat may be tied up (6)
13 They're fired - the spaces need to be filled (6)
15 Watercourse required for high speed (10)
18 A bell is heard to produce such noise (8)
19 Pointless affection (4)
20 A doctor needs it to a certain extent (5)
21 Tried and tested (7)

**DOWN**

1 Surcharge for a special edition (5)
2 Marriage of French betrothed in the Resistance (8)
3 A drink mixed and swallowed by the shy (6)
4 The whole book is in need of toning down (4,6)
5 Lament from a hungry male (4)
6 They are said to be just barren areas (7)
9 Able to hold liquor but drunk on soft drink (10)
11 Element may be Athenian in any case (8)
12 It puts an end to any ill-feeling (7)
14 Don't accept that it ought to be thrown away (6)
16 Aim to include me? Correct (5)
17 The press is said to be in the doorway (4)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Institution, 9 Profile, 10 Khaki, 11 Yves, 12 Umbrella, 14 No more, 16 Corset, 18 Gardener, 19 Spar, 22 Melba, 23 Antwerp, 24 At a discount.

**Down:** 2 Noose, 3 Trip, 4 Thelma, 5 Take root, 6 Oracles, 7 A paying game, 8 Misanthrope, 13 Free hand, 15 Martlet, 17 Medals, 20 Preen, 21 Otto.

**JUMBLE** By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

**Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.**

GTIFH

SOKKI

SUICNO

LFYHIT

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S **Jumbles:**
VILLA IMAGE GOBLET FONDLY
**ANSWER:** The anaconda celebrating her 20th birthday was happy to be able to -- LIVE A LONG LIFE

The Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway will hold a Pension Adalat on Wednesday on the premises of the Divisional Railway Manager's office, located next to the KSR Railway Station. Railway pensioners, family pensioners or wards can seek redressal of their grievances here, said an official release.

TRACKING COVID-19

**DURATION OF PANDEMIC**
**1 YEAR, 279 DAYS**

**CASES REPORTED**
Today: **236** | Yesterday: **330**

**TALLY**
Today: **30,00,671**
Yesterday: **30,00,435**

| DEATHS | DISCHARGES |
|---|---|
| Today: **7** | Today: **321** |
| Yesterday: **4** | Yesterday: **304** |

**ACTIVE CASES**
Today: **7,236**
Yesterday: **7,328**

| POSITIVITY RATE | MORTALITY RATE |
|---|---|
| Today: **5.49%** | Today: **1.27%** |
| Yesterday: **5.49%** | Yesterday: **1.27%** |

**RECOVERY RATE** Today: **98.48%** Yesterday: **98.47%**

**DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES**
LAST 24 HOURS

| | |
|---|---|
| **Bengaluru Urban** | **121** |
| **Bengaluru Rural** | **0** |
| Bagalkot | 0 |
| Ballari | 0 |
| Belagavi | 0 |
| Bidar | 0 |
| Chamarajanagar | 3 |
| Chikkaballapur | 1 |
| Chikkamagaluru | 9 |
| Chitradurga | 2 |
| Dakshina Kannada | 19 |
| Davanagere | 0 |
| Dharwad | 2 |
| Gadag | 0 |
| Hassan | 10 |
| Haveri | 0 |
| Kalaburagi | 3 |
| Kodagu | 35 |
| Kolar | 2 |
| Koppal | 0 |
| Mandya | 3 |
| Mysuru | 13 |
| Raichur | 0 |
| Ramanagara | 0 |
| Shivamogga | 2 |
| Tumakuru | 5 |
| Udupi | 3 |
| Uttara Kannada | 3 |
| Vijayapura | 0 |
| Yadgir | 0 |

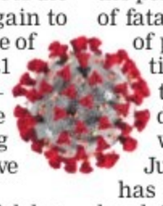
# HOPE DESPITE OMICRON: ACTIVE CASES, MORTALITY RATE SLIDING

## Positivity rate touches 5.49%, but still higher than pre-second wave low of 4.63%

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KARNATAKA witnessed a higher number of discharges than the new Covid-19 cases reported on Monday, a trend that is becoming rare, delivering a reminder that the pandemic is far from behind us, especially with the fear of new variants entering the population.

The health department data, however, does show a marked improvement in terms of active cases and mortality rate falling, while recovery rate is rising and positivity rate is dropping — although the last has yet to go below the lowest of 4.63 per cent, as on April 4 this year, when the second wave was intensifying across the state. The highest positivity rate (the number of people testing positive per hundred being tested) that Karnataka saw was 12.54 per cent on September 27, 2020. The rate dropped post the first wave to the lowest, but picked up again to reach peak positivity rate of 8.81 per cent on June 4, 2021 during the second wave — an indication that there were fewer people testing positive in the second wave compared to the first.



The positivity rate, which has mostly been on a decline since then, reached 5.49 per cent on Monday, which means there is still a distance to go to fall lower than 4.63 per cent recorded on April 4 this year. Although deaths in absolute numbers stand at 38,268 across Karnataka since the pandemic struck the state on March 8 last year, the mortality rate stands at just 1.27 per cent. Mortality rate is the percentage of total number of fatalities to the total number of people having tested positive for Covid-19 through the 645 days of the pandemic. The mortality rate was 2.08 per cent as on July 17, 2020, after which it has dropped to the current level. However, the health department has been desperately trying to bring the rate down to below 1 per cent.

The number of active cases — the number of patients currently under treatment at the given time — on Monday stands at 7,236 across the state. This was a whopping 6,05,494 on May 15, which was the highest number of active cases at any given time through the pandemic in Karnataka. While this peak of active cases was in the second wave, the first wave witnessed its highest number of active cases on October 10, 2020, when the figure was 1,20,929.

From May 15 this year, the number of active cases saw a steady fall till July 27, 2021, to 22,487. It recorded 96.28 per cent drop from a high of 6.05 lakh. Since then till Monday, it saw a further drop of 67.82 per cent. However, it is still a long way from dropping to below the 1,000-mark.

VIRUS CHECK

# Close watch on all arrivals in city, focus on int'l travellers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta on Monday said that along with the city corporation, Bengaluru Rural district administration and airport officials are also keeping a close watch on each person arriving in the city, especially international travellers.

He told the media that all travellers, especially international travellers, must remain in self-quarantine. Though no advisory has been issued by the government, citizens must be careful. "The government is doing everything it can, and handling each case as per protocol, and people should also be alert. They must wear a mask at all times and stay away from crowded places. So far, there are no guidelines for all international travellers to be sent into institutional quarantine, but experts have suggested it and the government is looking into it before coming up with any decision. Until then, we are keeping a close watch on each case and asking citizens to self-quarantine and closely monitor their health for any symptoms. Repeat tests of international travellers is also being done," he said.

On the question of testing and checking those coming from Maharashtra, Gupta said as the district administration and panchayats are checking their health status, the district administrations and zilla panchayats are also keeping a close watch.

In case of testing of primary and secondary contacts of the third Omicron-positive case, Gupta said a close watch is being kept on all of them and re-tests will be done.

# Covid testing counters set up in Hampi to check tourists

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WITH cases of Covid-19 showing a slight spike across several parts of India, the local administration in Hampi is taking all precautions to curtail the spread of the virus. It has once again set up Covid-19 testing counters near the entrance of the Hampi monument complex.

Vijayanagara district has been recording low Covid-19 cases since the past two weeks, but as tourists from across the country visit Hampi, the administration has decided to take strict steps. Swab testing will be done on need basis, a health official said. District Health Officer Dr Janardhana H L said the district is conducting 2,000-plus tests daily, with the focus on Hampi. "Tourists throng Hampi every year-end, and numbers go up in December and January. Despite restrictions, we see a good number of visitors during weekends, so we will keep a close watch and in case we spot any tourists with symptoms, we shall direct them to take a test. The results will be shared within three days on their mobiles. Mobile units can also be used for testing people living near Hampi," he said. So far, Ballari and Vijayanagar have recorded 97,000 positive cases and currently, there are 132 active cases. The administration is also speeding up the vaccination drive.

A health worker collects swab samples of a woman at the city's Kempegowda Bus Terminal on Monday. The city reported 121 fresh Covid-19 cases | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

# Skin graft ups survival chance

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THE doctors said that the cadaver skin is also used as a temporary covering over a burn wound. It can be stored at sub-zero temperatures for up to five years. The skin, however, has to be harvested within six hours of the death of the donor. It takes two months to process donated skin before it becomes ready for use. The processed skin graft can be used on patients who have suffered over 40 per cent burns to prevent loss of water, electrolyte, heat and protein. It also stops infections and improves a patient's chances of survival.

"The Command Hospital said there was a requirement for skin graft with more than 60 per cent burns. We cannot disclose the number of graft strips sent," the doctor said. Donated skin grafts are accepted only with the consent of relatives or family members. It is completely processed and treated. It is neutered serologically and used as a covering for any major burn injuries.

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Date : 14.12.2021

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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI
**C. Misc. No. 232/2021**

**Between:** 1. SRI ANYAPPA @ MUNIYAPPA, S/o Late. Muniyappa, Aged about 58 Years, 2. SMT. NARAYANAMMA, D/o Late. Muniyappa, Aged about 56 Years, 3. SRI VENKATESH S/o Late. Muniyappa, Aged about 54 Years, 4. SMT. PAPAMMA @ RANGAMMA W/o Late Rame Aged about 46 years, 5. SRI. NARAYANASWAMY S/o Late. Muniyappa, Aged about 50 Years, R/at. Cheemechenahalli Village, Channarayapattana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist. ...Petitioners

**And :** THE TAHASILDAR, Devanahalli Taluk Office, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural Dist. ...Respondent

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

WHEREAS, the Petitioner No.1 & others have filed the above petition for issue of Death Certificate of deceased, who is named **MUNIYAPPA S/o HOTTEPPA as he died on 14.03.1962** at his residence at Cheemachenahalli Village, Channarayapattana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist, he is Father of the Petitioner No.1 to 3 and 5 and father-in-law of the Petitioner No.4.

Any person interested in this matter, may appear before the above court **on 06/01/2022 at about 11.00 a.m.**

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 10.12.2021.

**By Order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer,**
**Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.**

Advocate for Petitioners : **T. NARAYANASWAMY,** Advocate #22, "Sristi Nilaya", Prashanth Nagar, Budigere Road, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural Dist-562110.

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No. SGITO/e-Tender/STP/ETP/38/2021-22 Date: 13.12.2021

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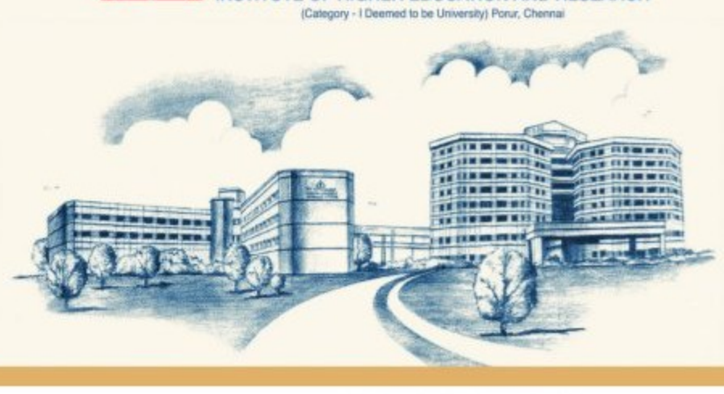

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(ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು)

Aiming to pressure the government, members of transport unions from all transport corporations will stage a protest on December 17, during the ongoing winter session in Belagavi

(Left) The legislature session under way in Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi on Monday; Farmers protest outside the Soudha demanding that the government withdraw the amendments to APMC and Land Reforms Acts. Farmers later temporarily called off the protest setting a week's deadline to the government to repeal the laws | HEMANTH D

# Anti-conversion Bill likely in House after cabinet meeting on Thursday

## It will be introduced after clearance from the Law Dept and cabinet, says Bommai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai will chair a meeting of his cabinet at the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha here on Thursday. Among the important issues to be taken up, the cabinet will decide on introducing the contentious anti-conversion Bill in the ongoing session of the legislature. The Bill will be brought in the legislature after Thursday, sources said.

The CM, who spoke to reporters at the Belagavi airport upon his arrival on Monday to participate in the winter session, said, "The Law Department is studying the draft and it will be introduced in the legislature session after clearance from the Law Department and the state cabinet." Reacting to statements from Opposition leaders on the Bill, Bommai said a government has to enact laws in public interest. "The issue will be debated," he added.

Asserting that they are prepared to respond to any question to be raised by the Opposition, Bommai said that his government is committed to ensuring overall development of North Karnataka. "Several vital projects are being drawn up for the development of the region and some important decisions in this direction will also be taken (in the session).

He was confident that an effective debate will be held on most of the issues to be raised in both the Houses and added that the session will pave the way for overall development of the state and North Karnataka in particular. Later in the evening, before leaving for a meeting of chief ministers of BJP-ruled states at Varanasi on Tuesday, which will be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the CM said they will discuss the progress of the various development projects taken up by the Centre and states.

The CM left for Varanasi by a special aircraft from Belagavi on Monday evening and is expected to be back in Belagavi on Tuesday evening for the winter session.

**The government is committed to the all-round development of North Karnataka. We intend to bring many development projects and take decisions in this regard. We will work with a positive intent to fulfil the long-pending demands of the people**

– Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

MLC POLLS

# Results today, BJP hopes to get majority in Upper House

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE results of the intensely fought biennial elections to 25 Legislative Council seats from 20 local body constituencies will be announced on Tuesday. The election witnessed a record voter turnout of 99.8% on Friday. In all, 90 candidates are in the fray. The BJP and the Congress have fielded 20 candidates each and the JDS is contesting from six seats. The BJP leaders, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, have expressed confidence of the party winning over 15 seats to get a clear majority in the Upper House, while the Congress hopes to retain the 14 seats that it had won in 2015. The JDS, however, is fighting to retain its hold in the Old Mysuru region. Currently, the ruling BJP is the single largest party with 32 seats, followed by Congress (29) and JDS (12).

Officials have made all arrangements to start counting of votes by 8 am on Tuesday. The results in some seats are likely to be known as early as afternoon and the picture will be clear in all the seats by evening. In a single-member constituency, a candidate getting 50% of valid votes plus one vote will be declared elected in the first round, but if that doesn't happen, second preference votes will be taken up for counting and that may take some time, the officials explained.

Preparations on for counting of votes at the Govt Polytechnic College in Tumakuru on Monday

For instance, in Bengaluru Urban, four candidates are contesting from the seat and 2,070 votes are polled. The officials will start the process by placing 300 votes on each table and start segregating valid and invalid votes. Valid votes will be taken up for counting of first preference votes. In the first round, if the candidate getting the highest votes fails to get 1,036 votes (half-plus one), the second round will be taken up by eliminating the votes of the candidate getting the lowest number of votes and distributing them to others for second preference votes. The process will go on till a candidate gets the highest votes. In a dual-member constituency, candidates will be declared elected based on a quota system depending on the number of preferential valid votes.

### Survey claims BJP will win 14 Council seats

BENGALURU: Ahead of the counting of votes for the 25 Legislative Council seats on Tuesday, an internal survey by the BJP has claimed that the party will get 14 or more seats. Going by this, the ruling party, which now has 32 seats in the Upper House, will end up with at least 39 seats. The current members from the 25 seats retire on January 5 and the new members will be sworn in thereafter. The outcome of the polls will not affect the winter session of the legislature, which started on Monday. If the BJP indeed gets a clear majority in the Upper House, it may no longer have to depend on the JDS in the coming days. The BJP needs 38 seats for a simple majority in the 75-member Council. The internal survey, carried out after the election concluded on December 10, claims that the Congress' strength will drop from 29 to 22 seats. The JDS, which has 13 seats, including Council chairman Basavraj Horatti, could end up with only 11 seats as it is expected to win only the Mandya and Hassan seats of the six that it is contesting. ENS

## *HC: Council poll results from B'luru subject to outcome of plea*

ENS @ Bengaluru

The Karnataka High Court on Monday modified the restrictions imposed by a single-judge bench which had directed that the results of the elections to the Council from the Bengaluru urbal local bodies cannot be declared without prior permission of the court. The court was dealing with a petition filed by Congress candidate Yusuf Sharif and others questioning the voting rights of 15 members nominated to the local bodies.

Disposing the appeal filed by the Election Commission of India (ECI) contending that the order of the single-judge bench amounts to interference in the election process, a division bench of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Sachin Shankar Magdum said that the results of the election can be announced. However, it will be subject to the final outcome of the writ petition pending before the single-judge bench, the court added.

Permitting the conduct of elections to the Legislative Council from the Bengaluru urban local bodies constituency, the single-judge bench had imposed a rider that the votes of the 15 nominated members of three town municipal councils of Bommasandra, Attibele and Anekal should be placed in a sealed cover and the result should not be declared without the leave of the court. The judge also ruled that a separate ballot box be kept for the 15 members and their votes be kept in sealed cover.

The ECI had moved the court against the order.

## *Poojary: Plan on to restore ancient temples*

Belagavi: Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary on Monday said a comprehensive plan is in the offing to renovate ancient temples, monuments and several heritage structures in Karnataka after discussing with departments of tourism, archaeology, and muzrai. Responding to the questions raised by MLC Dr Tejaswini Gowda in the Council on behalf of Minister for Tourism, Environment and Ecology Anand Singh, Poojary said "The state archeology department has received Rs 22.50 crore under the 12th Finance Commission and Rs 100 crore under 13th Finance Commission in the past 20 years. A total of 63 monuments, one archeological site and 13 memorials have been restored utilising funds of the 12th Finance Commission, while 135 monuments will restored under 13th Finance Commission funds." "Rameshwara of Keladi, Aghoreshwara of Ikkeri, Shivappa Nayak's fort and Kavaledurga fort are ASI protected monuments. The restoration of Shivappa Nayak's fort in Shivamogga will be undertaken in financial year 2021-22 by archeological museum and heritage department at an estimated cost of Rs 27 lakh."

# Siddu seeks discussion on crop loss

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE@ Belagavi

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah on Monday insisted on holding a discussion on crop loss due to the recent rain and the subsequent floods in the state. However, Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri deferred the discussion to Tuesday as Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai was not present in the House to reply. As Siddaramaiah wanted a reply only from Bommai, the former, too, readily agreed to defer the discussion.

Bommai left for Varanasi on Monday to participate in the BJP chief ministers' conference and is expected to return to Belagavi on Tuesday evening.

However, making a preliminary submission, Siddaramaiah charged that though Karnataka was affected in the recent rain with farmers incurring huge losses, the Narendra Modi Union Government did not release a single rupee to the state. "Every region of Karnataka has received above-normal rainfall. Twenty-three of the 31 districts have been affected. Rainfall in November was double the normal rain," he added.

He said crop cultivated in 78.83 lakh hectares (75% of the total cultivated area) has been destroyed due to rain and floods this year. "In south interior Karnataka, ragi is grown in 7 lakh hectares and 75-80 per cent of it is lost. Similarly, crop loss is reported in north interior Karnataka and coastal districts too," he claimed.

**Crop loss in Karnataka in the last two years is estimated at Rs 2.5 lakh crore. But the Centre has released a paltry sum**

Siddaramaiah, Cong leader

"Crop loss in Karnataka in the last two years is estimated at Rs 2.5 lakh crore. But the Centre has released a paltry sum. This year, the Modi government has not even released a penny. I will submit before the House more statistics on the relief amount released by the Centre to Karnataka and the injustice meted out to the state when the actual discussion takes place," he concluded.

## *New legislation sought to check manual scavenging*

BELAGAVI : Expressing displeasure over the State Government failing to prevent manual scavenging, Congress MLC B K Hariprasad said, "It condemnable that even today lives of innocent civic workers are being lost because of manual scavenging." Quoting a report from *The New Indian Express* on manual scavenging, Hariprasad said, "It is shameful that even today civic workers are being used for manual scavenging in cities like Bengaluru. The authorities do not provide any protection kits to pourakarmikas." He also appealed to the government to pass a law to ban manual scavenging. In his reply, Minister for Social Welfare and Backward Classes Kota Srinivas Poojary said that there was no need for a new legislation as a law already exists. "The government will work on the strict implementation of Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavenging and their Rehabilitation Act." ENS

## *3,006 community health officers to join work soon*

BELAGAVI: In all, 3,006 newly recruited community health officers will join duty by March 2022, said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Monday. Responding to a question by chief whip of Legislative Council, Mahantesh Kavatagimath, Sudhakar said, "The government is aware that there is a shortage of skilled staff at primary health centers (PHC) in rural areas. They will be upgraded at Rs 552 crore over the next five years under the Centre's 15th Finance Commission programme. Rs 3 lakh will be given to each PHC in rural areas for basic amenities under the National Health Mission. To mark 75th Independence Day celebrations, 25 PHCs in every district will be given Rs 20 lakh to create basic infrastructure under AMRUT scheme. All PHCs, sub-centers, and community health centers will be upgraded utilising these funds." Last year, 1,042 general doctors and 648 specialists were appointed, he said. ENS

# Blow to JDS as ex-MLA Konaraddi quits

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

THE exit of former Navalgund MLA **N H Konaraddi** from the JDS has come as a huge blow to the regional party, especially in North Karnataka, and in all likelihood, affect its electoral prospects in the region. Konaraddi has hinted that he will join the Congress and seek a ticket to contest the 2023 Assembly election.

According to sources in the know of the developments, sidelining of JDS leaders and poor support from the party top brass are the reason for leaders from Dharwad district quitting the party.

On Monday, Konaraddi said he has been advised by his supporters to join the Congress. A close aide of the former MLA said that Konaraddi was upset with senior JDS leaders. "When the JDS was not doing good in the region, especially after the recent defeat in the Sindagi and Hanagal bypolls, several leaders, including Konaraddi, were planning to move out. Konaraddi has to think fast if he has to win again. He is not sure of winning on a JDS ticket as he is losing touch with voters," opined a political analyst.

With Konaraddi quitting the JDS, Basavaraj Horatti is now the only prominent party leader in Dharwad. Horatti, being the current Chairman of the Legislative Council, is out of active politics.

It was Horatti who gave a break to Konaraddi under the leadership of Ramakrishana Hegde. In later years, Konaraddi grew as a close aide of former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda and former CM H D Kumaraswamy. He also served as political secretary to Kumaraswamy until last year. He resigned owing to the party's poor show in the Hubballi-Dharwad urban local body polls.

"Several JDS leaders, including Horatti, have requested Konaraddi not to quit the party. Konaraddi fears he may lose if he contests on a JDS ticket in the 2023 polls. He is having trust issues with Kumaraswamy," said a JDS leader from Dharwad.In 2019, another JDS leader from Dharwad, Rajanna Koravi, joined the BJP. During the last Assembly elections, Kumaraswamy had rented out a house in Hubballi hoping to rebuild the party. But he vacated the house soon after the elections.

# KSE seeks probe by SC judge into chopper crash

ENS@ Belagavi

THE winter session of the state legislature commenced here on Monday with legislators paying tributes to noted personalities who passed away recently, including Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and actor Puneeth Rajkumar.

Apart from General Rawat and Puneeth, condolences were paid to former Governor and Andhra Pradesh CM K Rosaiah, former ministers S R Morey and Virupakshappa Agadi, former MLAs K Ram Bhat and Dr M P Karki, veteran actor S Shivaram and multi-lingual scholar Prof K S Narayanacharya.

RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa demanded that the Centre order a probe by a sitting Supreme Court judge to allay doubts, if any, into the helicopter crash that claimed the lives of the CDS and 12 others. "I am not saying that there is any conspiracy, but this incident requires a thorough investigation," Eshwarappa said. Siddaramaiah too said there are doubts regarding the accident and demanded a probe.

CM Basavaraj Bommai in conversation with RDPR minister K S Eshwarappa during the session on Monday

# MES LEADER'S FACE BLACKENED DURING MEET

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

TENSION prevailed in Belagavi on Monday after a few Kannada activists threw black ink on the face of Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES) leader **Deepak Dalvi** while he was attempting to hold 'Maha Melava' near the Vaccine Depot ground at Tilakwadi. Angered by the attack, MES leaders have called for a Belagavi bandh on December 14.

Though permission was not granted for MES to organise the 'Maha Melava', a mega convention to protest against the government for conducting the winter session, it still attempted to hold it. The MES leaders had managed to erect a temporary stage on the road as they did not get permission to hold the event on the Vaccine Depot ground. This had led to verbal clashes between the MES leaders on one side and the police and Belagavi City Corporation officials on the other.

Initially, there were hardly 50 pro-Marathi activists at the convention. When MES senior leader Dalvi got off and walked behind the stage to speak with some persons, a few Kannada activists appeared on the scene and threw black ink on his face. This enraged the pro-Marathi activists. But before they reacted, the police took one of the Kannada activists into their custody. The accused has been identified as Sampatkumar Desai of the Karnataka Navanirman Sena.

A video of the activists throwing black ink on Dalvi's face went viral on social media and many pro-Marathi people rushed to the spot.

After the convention, the activists took out a rally and filed a complaint against the Kannada activists at Tilakwadi police station.

# Contractors threaten to launch protest in Jan

ENS @ Bengaluru

CIVIL contractors who have complained about alleged corruption in awarding work contracts by government departments, have threatened to launch a statewide protest in January 2022. Over one lakh contractors working for various departments are expected to take part in the protest.

The contractors are demanding that the government order a high-level probe into their allegations.

Karnataka State Contractors' Association President D Kempanna told reporters on Monday that in spite of complaints, the State government has not taken anya action.

He said contractors welcome Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's decision directing the Additional Chief Secretary to look into their allegations. "They should be probed by a high-level committee. Corruption is increasing day by day. Contractors taking up work for Public Works Department, BBMP, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Water Resources and Irrigation departments have to pay 30% to 40% commission to get the contract," he said.

Kempanna also said that over Rs 22,000 crore is due from various departments for completed work. "We have not got payments for two years. Many departments are citing Covid as a reason for non-payment of bills," he added.

In a drunken brawl, a South African man was stabbed to death by three miscreants at Banasawadi on Sunday night. The Banasawadi police arrested the accused soon after the incident came to light. The deceased has been identified as Victor P, who was allegedly attacked by Raju Philip, Arun and Neelakantan, who reside in Kammanahalli.

# 244 CHILDREN TRAFFICKED TO B'LURU HAD FAKE AADHAAR CARDS

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

HUMAN traffickers are bringing in minors to Bengaluru for work by manipulating details on Aadhaar cards. The Government Railway Police (GRP) have detected 244 such cases this year at Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna railway station alone.

Superintendent of Police, GRP, D.R. Siri Gowri, told *TNIE* that the lamination on Aadhaar cards was proving handy for those indulging in such activities. "The age details in original Aadhaar cards are being manipulated and handed over to the kids brought by traffickers so that it appears they are above 18 years," she said. When the children are spoken to individually, they reveal a different age, she said.

It is also not clear if the names too have been changed and the cards are being misused to bring in migrants from neighbouring countries, the SP added.

M P Rashmi, Programme manager, Bengaluru unit of Childline India Foundation, said that a quick glance at these cards reveal they are fake. "In most of the cases, the birth date and month are both given as '1'. How can so many of them be born on the same day?" she questioned. "Seventy per cent of them are from Bihar followed by Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. A few were from Rajasthan, Odisha, Jharkhand and Karnataka too. Those who are 14 or 15 years are shown as 20 years odl in these cards," she said.

The SP said that if the UIDAI shared the data with them, it could help them crosscheck and identify cases easily.

However, top officials at UIDAI ruled that out completely stating that they were bound to secrecy under various sections of the Aadhaar Act. A senior official also said that the QR code on the card could be scanned using specific apps to check the authenticity of the card.

Father Verghese Palli, Executive Director of BOSCO and director of Railway Childline said that the only way to eradicate child labour is to curb it at the starting point itself.

**EXPRESS READ**

## Woman, lover end lives, police to establish cause

BENGALURU: A 25-year-old woman and her boyfriend committed suicide at a farm in Kudur village near Magadi on Sunday. The deceased have been identified as Pushpalatha, a resident of Dasegoudanapalya, and Mohan Kumar (24) of Magadi. A senior police officer said Pushpalatha had separated from her husband recently and was living with her parents. She was in a relationship with Mohan Kumar, who owned a poultry shop. They used to meet at the farm regularly. On Sunday evening, they reportedly had an argument over a trivial issue, which allegedly pushed Pushpalatha towards taking her own life, and she hanged herself from a tree. Upset, Kumar also hanged from the same tree. No suicide note has been found, and the reason which led them to their extreme step is yet to be ascertained. **ENS**


**Dr.Y.S.R. HORTICULTURAL UNIVERSITY**
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:: VENKATARAMANNAGUDEM - 534101
WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT

NOTICE

The interviews will be held for the post of Assistant Professors in various disciplines from 27th December, 2021 onwards. For further information, please visit website **https://drysrhu.ap.gov.in/**

Sd/- Dr. K.Gopal, Registrar

DIPR No.549PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.13/12/2021

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Paradip-754142, Odisha, India
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No: AD/RSC-II-22-2/2021/3217 Dt.10th Dec., 2021

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Sr. Asst. Secretary

PPT/PR/131/21-22, Dt.13.12.2021

**KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No:AIL/S&K/New Mobile Application/2021-22/485 Dt:10.12.2021

**ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)**

(Through e-Procurement portal only)

Bids are invited from competent agencies for **"Development of new Mobile cum Web Application for Asset and Defect Management".** The tender document could be downloaded from the webiste: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The last date for receipt of completed bids, both Technical bid (Cover-1) and Price bid (Cover-2) is **up to 17.00 hrs** on **24th December 2021.** Further details can be obtained from the **Superintending Engineer (S&K), KPCL, 4th Floor, KPCL Green Building, No.3, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Mobile No:9141516143 e-Mail:sesystemskpcl@karnataka.gov.in Website:www.karnatakapower.com**

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No.: IIIT-Bh/16021/390 Date : 13.12.2021

**RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR**

Reference is invited to **Advertisement Number : IIIT-Bh/16021/232 dated 24th September 2021** for recruitment of Director of IIIT Bhubaneswar. It is informed that the last date for receipt of completed applications has been **extended up to 29th December 2021.**

Sd/-
DIRECTOR (I/c)

AT : Gothapatna, PO : Malipada, Bhubaneswar - 751003, Odisha, India, Ph : +91-674-2653307, Fax : +91-674-2653309, Web : www.iiit-bh.ac.in

**NMDC Limited**
(A Government of India Enterprise)
'Khanij Bhavan', 10-3-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500 028
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) - L13100TG1958GOI001674

**CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT**

Tender Enquiry No: HO(Contracts)/KDL/Pipeline Network/2021/255 Dt. 14/12/2021 MSTC Ref. No.: NMDC/HO/76/21-22/ET/370

**Estimated cost including GST is Rs 5.07 Cr**

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites **online bids** from prospective bidders for the work of **"Construction of New Water Supply and Storage System for all mines of BIOM Kirandul Complex at Dep-11B (Phase-II : Pipeline Network)"**

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and /or downloaded from **14/12/2021 to 11/01/2022 from following website links;**

1. NMDC website – **https://tenders.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/**
2. Central Public Procurement portal – **https://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app** and search tender through tender enquiry number
3. MSTC portal - **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp**

For further help refer to 'vendor guide' given in MSTC website.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC Limited website. The details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT. The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website/CPP Portal/ MSTC website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

For further clarification, the following can be contacted –
Chief General Manager (Contracts), NMDC Limited Hyderabad, **Tel No. +91-040-2353 2800,** email: contracts@nmdc.co.in

**For and on the behalf of NMDC Ltd**
**Chief General Manager (Contracts)**

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(2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.12.2021** (16.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ).
(3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **23.12.2021** (16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ).

ಸಹಿ/- (ಜೆಜ್.ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಾರೆಡ್ಡಿ), ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು
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DIPR/ADK/MCA/557/21-22 dt.13.12.2021

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No. Admin/AIIMS/NGP/CONT/2021/03 Dated : 14/12/2021

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| Sl. No. | Name of the Post | Monthly Salary | No. of Position |
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**Deputy Director (Admin)**
**AIIMS, Nagpur**

**KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT**
**Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga - 577 201.**
Ph: 08182- 272210, Email:dcf.shivamogga@gmail.com

No.B1/Sandal/E-auction/CR-09/2021-22 Date:10.12.2021

**BRIEF SALE NOTIFICATION**

It is hereby notified for the general information of the public that Sandal logs and pieces stored at Government Sandalwood Depot, Sandal Koti, Shivamogga-577-203. as mentioned below will be sold by e-tender-cum-auction mode through MSTC Ltd., on the online platform "www.mstcecommerce.com". The sale conducting authority is Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division Shivamogga. The e-tender-cum auction is subject to terms and conditions uploaded on the website www.mstcecommerce.com. by e-tender-cum E-Auction No: MSTC/BLR/ KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT /1/GSWD SANDAL KOTI SHIVAMOGGA/21-22/21341

**1.** Date of e-tender-cum-auction: 12 January 2022 **2.** Mode: Online-www.mstcecommerce.com **3.** Time11.00 AM to 3.00 PM **4.** Quantity of Material: Approximately 24.73 MT Sandal wood of Different kind **5.** Approximate value: Rs.7.00 Crore **6.** Inspection of logs by the bidders 03.01.2022 to 07.01.2022 10:30 AM to 04:00 PM at Government Sandalwood Depot, Sandal Koti, Shivamogga- 577 203. **7.** Pre Bid Meeting: 07 January 2022 at 4.30 PM

A.C.F. Sandal Koti, Shivamogga Contact Mobile No: 94484 21702

**Sd/- (G.U. SHANKAR), Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga**

DIPR/smg/No.23/12/mca/21-22/858

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**
Office of the Commissioner, N.R. Square, Bengaluru -560 002.

No: R2/PR/08/2021-22 Date: 09.12.2021

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike Invites Short Term Tender For Supply of BBMP Wall Calendars & Diaries-2022 (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from 10.12.2021 onwards. Tenders must be submitted online through e-Procurement portal before 21.12.2021 upto 4:00 pm. Time and Date of Opening of Technical Bid is on 23.12.2021 at 11:30 am. Opening of Financial Bid is on 27.12.2021 if possible or Financial Bid Date will be announced to the firm which will be selected through Technical Bid process. Place of Opening of Tenders and Address for Communication: Spl. Commissioner (Admn), NR Square, Bengaluru - 02. RO (Records 9480684919) Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or in the website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
Revenue Officer - Records & Stores

**केनरा बैंक Canara Bank**
भारत सरकार का उपक्रम — A Government of India Undertaking
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BENGALURU

**E-AUCTION NOTICE**

**SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd.** through the website **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**

| Sl. No. | 1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor | 1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Possession type 3) Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount | 1) Last date of deposit of EMD & KYC documents 2) EMD A/c no. 3) IFSC code 4) Bid Factor | 1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1) | 1) Wintech H R Solutions Proprietor : Mr.S.Rangaraj<br>2) Canara Bank - South End Road Branch. Ph : 080-22447997, 26651852 | 1) Rs.32,32,244.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.26,70,000/- EMD : Rs.2,67,000/- | 1) 30.12.2021 before 3.30 p.m 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.10,000/- | 1. 31.12.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 29.12.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. |
| | **Description of property -** Residential - Flat No. ALF/8/11, SFHS, Nandini Layout, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore - 560086, measuring 610 Sft. Bounded on **East by :** Pathway, **West by** : Road, **North by :** Road, **South by:** Road. | | | |
| 2) | 1) 1) M/s. Amoga Marketing (India) Pvt, No 3, Akshaya Complex, No 3, Flat No B-1, 2nd Floor, Chikkabanasvadi Main Road, Bangalore - 560043. 2) Mr. Jacob Jabakumar T-Director, 3) Mrs. A G Kalaiarasi-Director, 4)Mrs. Renuka Devi A G -Director No 125/1, Jothi Illam, 3r Cross, Ganesha Temple Street, 3rd Cross, Jai Jawan Nagar, Banasawadi Post, Bangalore - 560043.<br>2) Canara Bank - Jayanagar Shopping Complex Branch. Mobile No:9483540408 | 1) Rs. 45,85,632.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.60,00,000/- EMD : Rs.6,00,000/- | 1) 27.12.2021 before 3.30 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.10,000/- | 1. 31.12.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 27.12.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. |
| | **Description of property -** Property bearing Muncipal No.7/1, PID No.87-66-7/1 (Old No.9, Property No.217). 4th Cross, situated at Chikka Banaswadi Road, Dodda Baswadi Village, Jai Jawan Nagar, Bangalore -560043, measuring GF-700 Sq ft. and bounded on: **East by :** Site No 10, **West by :** 25 feet Road, **North by :** Private Property and **South by :** Site No 8. | | | |
| 3) | 1) NAGESWARA RAO S<br>2) Canara Bank- Housing Finance Cell South End Road Branch Mob : 9483512736 | 1) Rs.12,15,715.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs. 61,75,000 /- EMD : Rs.6,17,500/- | 1) 30.12.2021 before 3.30 p.m 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951, 4) Rs.10,000/- | 1 31.12.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 28.12.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. |
| | **Description of property -** Land & buildingl -Flat NO.902, IX floor, 12th block" Montana heritage towers" Sy No. 43/1&2, 78/1&2, 79/1 &2 situated at Puttenahalli village, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, measuring Super built up area of 1300 Sq feet. Bounded on : **North by :** Central Res Police Qtrs, **South by :** Ali Estate Road, **East By :** Kenchenahlli Village Boundary, **West by :** Road. | | | |
| 4) | 1) Sri Santhosh Kumar D R, S/o Sri. Raman No.19/2-4, 3rd Main Road, Vigneswaranagar, Herohalli, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560091.<br>2) Canara Bank - Bilekahalli (Vijaya Bank Layout) Branch. Mob : 9849725791 | 1) Rs. 1,00,39,438.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.42,60,000/- EMD : Rs.4,26,000/- | 1) 30.12.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.50,000/- | 1. 31.12.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 30.12.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. |
| | **Description of property -** Residential - Flat No. 206, 2nd Floor, "Sripaadam Gardens", Present Khata Nos. 62,63,76 and 77/77, T.K.Deepak Layout, Opposite Royal County Park, J P Nagar 8th Phase, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru - 560083. Measuing Built up area: 1084sqft. Bounded on: **East by :** Site No. 64 & 75, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road and **South by :** Road. | | | |
| 5) | 1) Mr. Ajjappa O A, S/o Mr. Adivappa and Mr. Kallesh O A, S/o Mr. Ajjappa O A. Both are at : No.235/1, 4th Main, 5th Cross, Kempagouda Nagar, Bengaluru 560019.<br>2) Canara Bank - Bilekahalli (Vijaya Bank Layout) Branch. Mob : 9849725791 | 1) Rs. 96,68,328.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Physical 3) Rs.74,30,000/- EMD : Rs.7,43,000/- | 1) 30.12.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.50,000/- | 1. 31.12.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 30.12.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. |
| | **Description of property -** Flat No.005, Ground Floor, "Sreepaadam Gardens", Present BBMP Khata Nos. 62,63,76 and 77/77, T. K. Deepak Layout, Opposite Royal County Park, JP Nagar 8th Phase, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru - 560083, Built up area: 1604sqft. and Bounded on : **East by:** Flat No. 004, **West by:** Open to Sky, **North by :** Entrance, Cut out, Corridor and Flat No. 006 and **South by :** Open to Sky. | | | |
| 6) | 1) M/s Susheel Marketing Agencies, Proprietor : Shri B M Jayaprakash, No. 35 Vani Vilas Road, Basvangudi, Bangalore- 560004<br>2) Canara Bank - Lalbagh West Branch. Ph No : Mob : 9483520684 | 1) Rs. 65,59,638.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs.68,00,000/- EMD : Rs.6,80,000/- | 1) 30.12.2021 before 5.00 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.50,000/- | 1. 31.12.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 27.12.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. |
| | **Description of property -** Flat No 003 GF, Poorna Pragna Aptts, #37/1, 2nd Main Gangadhara Extn, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560040, in the name of Smt Latha Jayaprakash with a super built up area of 980 Sq Ft and bounded on **East by :** Road, **West By :** Private Property, **North By :** Private Property, **South By :** Private Property. | | | |
| 7) | 1) Krishnappa H C<br>2) Canara Bank - South End Branch. Ph No.080-26539526, Mob No.9483512736 | 1) Rs. 62,45,857.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Symbolic 3) Rs. 3,25,00,000/- EMD : Rs.32,50,000/- | 1) 30.12.2021 before 3.30 pm 2) 7951295000001 3) CNRB0007951 4) Rs.50,000/- | 1. 31.12.2021 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 noon 3. 28.12.2021 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm |
| | **Description of property -** Residential independent house No.12/13/3,2/16, old no.166, Khatha 12, Yelachanahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Kanakapura Road, Bengaluru-560078. Plinth Area: 13600 Sq.ft, Bounded on : **East By :** Private Property, **West By :** House No.165, **North By :** Road and **South By :** Private Property. | | | |

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the respective branches.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 13.12.2021

**Authorized Officer**
**Canara Bank**

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

ICICI Bank — **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

**Whereas**

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number | Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.) | Name of Branch |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | SK Jahir Hossen/ Kamrunnesha Khatun/ LBBNG00003754602/ LBBNG00004777319 | All The Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Residential Property Bearing New Bbmp Katha No. 52/28, Property Register No. 52, Converted Sy No. 28 Converted For Non-Agricultural No. A in (SB) SR: 76/10-11 Residential Purpose Vide Conversion Order Dated 16/09/2010 Issued By Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, Situated At Yelenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring 30 Guntasschedule "B" Property (Property Herein Agreed to Be Conveyed) all The Piece And Parcel of The 351 Sq. Ft. of Undivided Right, Title and Interest in Schedule A Property and to Construct Residential Apartment/ Plat Bearing Unit No. Sf- 9, Second Floor in Block B (West Facing) in The Multi Storied Building Known As "Elegant orchid ", With Super Built Up area of 1527 Sq. Ft. Along With One Covered Car Parking area Bearing No.8 F-9 in Block B in The Basement With Bore Well Water, Electricity and Sewerage Amenities Together With Common Areas Such as Passages, Lobbies Lifts, Staircase and other Areas of Common Etc./ Date of Symbolic Possession-08.12.2021 | 30.08.2021 Rs. 36,51,743.00/- | Bangalore |
| 2. | N Yedukondalu/ Jyotsna Peddaboina/ LBBNG00002048052 | Composite Property all That Piece and Parcel of All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing, Site Nos. 1755, 1765 & 1766 in The Layout Known as The Aircraft Employees Co- operative Society Limited, A Block Situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Totally Measuring 8750 Square Feet, Bearing Bbmp Khata No. Ktr/265/2012-13 Schedule- B (Property Hereby Agreed to Be Sold to The Purchaser/ s) 248 Sq. Ft. of An Undivided Share, Right, Title, and Interest in The Schedule- A Property. Schedule- C (Description of The Apartment to Be Sold) Proposed Apartment/ Flat Bearing No. L1 on The Third Floor of The Apartment Building Known as "SMD Beverly Hills" Situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Habli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Having a Super Built Up area of 1068 Sq. Ft. Containing Two Bedrooms (Which is Inclusive of The Floors, Ceiling And Walls Between The Apartments and Proportionate Share in all Common Areas) Together With one Covered Car Parking Space./ Date of Symbolic Possession-08.12.2021 | 30.08.2021 Rs. 25,29,658.00/- | Bangalore |
| 3. | Venkatesan M/ Manimegalai/ LBBNG00004869936 | Schedule 'A' Property (Description of The Entire Property) all That Piece and Parcel of The Converted Land Bearing Converted Land Bearing Converted Land Bearing Sy. Nos.18/1,18/2,18/4 & 10/2 Situated at Kalena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, in All Measuring 8 Acres 15 Guntas in Extent Schedule 'B' Property (description of The Undivided Share Under This Sale Deed) an Undivided 0.149% Share Rifgt, Title and Interest (Equivalent to 539.02 Square Feet) in The Land Comprised in The Schedule 'a' Property. Schedule 'c' Property (Description of The Apartment Conveyed Under This Sale Deed) all That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Being Residential Apartment Bearing No.5-001, Bbmp Khatha No. 5-001, BB MP B- Katha Si. No.1812 on Ground Floor and Measuring 1180 Sq.ft or 109.62 Sq. Mtrs of Super Built Up Area in The Building Known As "mantri Residency" Including Proportionate Share of Common area With The Floors, Ceiling and Walls Made Up of Mosaic Flooring, Steel Windows and Honnewood, Between Apartments Jointy Belonging to Such Apartments owners Equally With one Covered Car Parking Space Bearing No.5-001/ Date of Symbolic Possession-08.12.2021 | 27.08.2021 Rs. 56,68,948.00/- | Bangalore |

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

**Date : December 14, 2021**
**Place: Bangalore**

**Authorized Officer**
**ICICI Bank Limited**

**citibank**
**Citibank N. A.,**

**Demand notice issued to the following borrowers under section 13(2) of the securitisation and reconstruction of financial assets and enforcement of security interest act 2002**

No.5, First Floor, Ranga Towers, M.G. Road, Bangalore.

You, below mentioned borrowers have committed default of repayment of loans amount mentioned below along with further interest at the agreed rate from mentioned date till date of repayment.
The Bank had issued notice* under the Act on calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount.The notice which was sent to you by Regd. Post has been returned unserved.
You are hereby called upon to pay the amount together interest at the agreed rates from mentioned date, till date of repayment within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the secured assets given in the schedule hereunder. This notice issued is without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank.

1. **Name of the Borrowers : Mr. Gerald P. Pinto,** 12/A, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Near Manjunatha Layout, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037 (Mailing & Permanent address) **Mr. Gerald P. Pinto,** SEZ Cessna Business Park, Sarjapur, Marathalli Outer Ring Road, Bangalore - 560 103. (Office Address), **Mrs. Shanthi Pinto,** 12/A, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Near Manjunatha Layout, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037 (Co Borrower ), **Mr. Gerald P. Pinto,** West Portion Sie 12 No. 12A/5/3, LF Pinto 3rd Cross Vinayaka Layout, Marathahalli V, Bangalore - 560 037.(Property Address).
**A/c. No. 329319**
**Loan Amout :Rs.51,50,000/-** **Liability : Rs.5151515.95**
**Demand Notice Date :28.10.2021** **NPA Date: 30.09.2021**
**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:** SCHEDULE - I : Description of Immovable Property (Secured Property) : Schedule of Property: All that piece and parcel of the property Western Portion of Residential Vacant Site No. 12, Old HASB Katha No. 426/3 & 426/3B, New Mahadeva Pura CMC Katha No. 42, Property No. 12A/5/3, situated at Martha Halli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Presently comes under Mahadevapura CMC Area, Measuring East to West 21 feet and North to South 41.5 feet in all totally 871.5 sq.ft. and bounded on Esat by : Eastern portion of the same property, West by : 20 Feet Road, North by : Property No. 11, South by : 25 feet Road.

**Date : 13.12.2021**
**Place : Bangalore**

**Yours Faithfully,**
**AUTHORISED OFFICER**
**CITIBANK N.A.**

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**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**

**Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001.**
**Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in**
**(Contact Number : 96461-22185)**

**Tender Enquiry No. 244/2021** **Dated: 10.12.2021**

Dy.CE / Substation Design/TS Organization, PSPCL, C-I, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-Tender For Manufacturing, Testing and Delivery of 63 nos. 66KV C&R Transformer Panels. For detailed NIT & tender specification, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **13.12.2021 (05:00 PM onwards).**

**Note:** Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, GAJAPATI, PARALAKHEMUNDI, Ph. 06815 224803**
**email- eerwssjp@gmail.com**

**Corrigendum to E-Tender call notice 19 dtd.30.11.2021 (Ltr. No. 3343) of Year 2021-22**

**O-1314:** It is for the information of all concerned that the the above tender call notice containing 05nos. of works has been cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances .i.e. technical issues & administrative reasons.

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer (RWSS)**
OIPR-25025/11/009/2122

**Government of Karnataka**
**BELAGAVI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES,**
**Dr.B.R.Amedkar Road, Belagavi– 590 001**
**(Autonomous Medical Institution)**
**(Hospital) Phone No: 0831-2420320 (College) Phone No: 0831-2421464.**
**Website: WWW.bimsbelgaum.org E.Mail: belgaum.bims@gmail.com**

**No. BIMS/MEW/TENDER/EQP/CR-39/2021-22** **DATED: 13-12-2021**

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The Director, Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences, Belagavi hereby invites short term tenders under e-tendering system For Supply & installation of Hospital Equipment for Emergency, Paediatric, ENT, Ortho and OBG Dept BIMS Belagavi as per K.T.P.P. Act 1999 & Rules 2000 there under:

| Sl. No. | Tender Notification | Description of Tender | Tender Value (Approximate) (Rs. In Lakhs) | Downloading of Tender Document |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | No.BIMS/MEW/TENDER/EQP/CR-39/2021-22DATED: 13-12-2021 | Supply & installation of Hospital Equipment for Emergency, Paediatric, ENT, Ortho and OBG Dept BIMS Belagavi | Rs. 90.0 Lakhs | 14/12/2021 |

The Tenderers Registered under e-procurement Portal can refer Government of Karnataka e Portal website https://www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in to get detailed information about the tender & details of EMD & Security Deposit or can contact the Director BIMS Belagavi in the working hours to get the information.

Tender inviting authority, Tender Accepting Authority has got powers to cancel any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason.

**Sd/-Chief Administrative Officer,**
**Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences, Belagavi.**
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1061/MCA/2021-22

## ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 020.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ವಿಭೂಸ್ವಾಅ–6/93/2021–22 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.12.2021

### ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ಡಾ.ಕೆ.ಶಿವರಾಮ ಕಾರಂತ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ (ಅಪರ)/ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹೆಸರಘಟ್ಟ ಹೋಬಳಿಯ ಬ್ಯಾಲಕೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಅಪೀಲ್ ನಂ.7661/63/2018 ರಲ್ಲಿನ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ದಿನಾಂಕ.31.12.2008ರಂದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ.30.10.2018ರಂದು ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸುಮಾರು ಹದಿನಾರು ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರು ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1894ರ ಕಲಂ11ರಡಿ ಐತೀರ್ಪು ಸಹ ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಘೋಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ಈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ 16 ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬ್ಯಾಲಕೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1894ರ ಕಲಂ12(2)ರಡಿ ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1894ರ ಕಲಂ12(2)ರಡಿ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ನೋಟಿಸ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಗೊಂಡ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರ ವಿವರ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಂದಾಯ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರ ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

**ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ಅಪರ (ಯಲಹಂಕ) ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಹೆಸರುಘಟ್ಟ ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಬ್ಯಾಲಕೆರೆ**

| ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ | ಎಲ್. ಎಸಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ | ಅಧಿಸೂಚಿತ ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು ಹಾಗೂ ಕಂದಾಯ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು | ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ | ಹಿಸ್ಸಾ ನಂ | ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಎ | ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಗು | ಖರಾಬು ಎ | ಖರಾಬು ಗು | ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಎ | ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ ಗು | ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ (ಆಯುಕ್ತರು / ಉಪ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು (ಭೂಸ್ವಾ) ರವರಿಂದ) | 12(2) ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 566 | Venkataramaiah S/o Munimarappa, Muniyamma W/o Venkataramaiah, D.Anjinappa S/o Doddamuthappa, H.Ramaiah S/o Late Hanumanthappa, Mukabul John, K.Umamahesh S/o Late K.R Kempaiah, Durgaram S/o Bholaram, Lakshmamma W/o H.Ashwathanarayana, A.G Guruprasad S/o Late Ele Gangappa, G.Rajendra S/o Late Gopal, Ramesh S/o Munithayappa, B.Sarojamma W/o Lakshminarayana, A.D Dakshinamurthy, Chandrashekaraiah S/o Chikkamaraiah, Shivakumar.R, V.Ramakrishna S/o Veeraguddaiah, Rani S, Bindia Joseph, Shiva S and Shivashankari.S, Ramya T.R, Lalith Kumar. D, Manjula.C, Kiran Kumar.C, Nataraj.M, Mallesh.N | 27 | 2A, B,C | 3 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 19 | 12.11.2021 | 03.12.2021 |
| 2 | 567 | C.Chowdappa s/o Chikkagudiyappa, C.Rukmini D/o G.Chinnappa, Ramaswamy S/o Rangaswamy, C.Ramamurthy S/o late Changamandadi, P.T Leena W/o G.Narayanamurthy, Mangala D/o S.G Hanumanthachar, K.Naveen Kumar, T.Sharanappa S/o Late A.Dodda Thippeswamy, T.Srinivasa S/o R.B Thipperudrappa, K.Munivenkataswamy S/o C.Krishnappa, S.Lakshmidevamma W/o Late Eshwarachari, S.Nanjundaiah, Siddalinga Biradar, Joseph Varghese, Jaya Srinivas, C.Chowdappa, Dr.Kavitha Sridhar, G.Dandapani, Chaitra.S, Lissamma Joseph, Savithramma, Champalal, Shankar, Nataraj H.T S/o Thammegowda, | 27 | 4 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 12.11.2021 | 02.12.2021 |
| 3 | 568 | Mariyappa S/oDasappa,C.Chowdappa S/o Chikkagudiyappa, R.Manjunatha S/o G.H Ramakrishna, Dakshayanamma, R.Hemavathi, R.Ananda S/o G.H Ramakrishna, Eranna Kumbara, Shyamala, C.G Nagaraja S/o Late Giddaiah, V.A Perumal S/o Late Arunachalam Achari, S.Baby W/o S.V Krishnamraju, Satisha S/o Srinivasa, G.Santhosh and Reena Santhosh, Rekha W/o Ravigangodi, V.Padmavathi D/o V.Sriramulu, A.E Veerabhadrappa S/o Late Eshwarappa, Saroja.N W/o Late Nagaraja C.G, Arun Kumar.P S/o V.A Perumal, Radhakrishna.I , Venkatalakshmi W/o Kadrappa, | 27 | 5 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 37 | 24.11.2021 | 02.12.2021 |
| 4 | 589 | N.Shobha W/o K.Harish, Narayanappa S/o Chikka Lakkappa (D.C conversion), Chikkamma W/o Late Muniyappa (D.C conversion), Krishnappa S/o Chikka Lakkappa, Hemalatha W/o K.S Gnaneshwar | 35 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 38.08 | 12.11.2021 | 02.12.2021 |
| 5 | 596 | Ashwathappa s/o Chikka lakkappa, Managing Director Petronet MHB Ltd (A JV of HPCL & ONGC) | 39 | 2B | 1 | 13 | 0 | 0.08 | 0 | 22 | 02.11.2021 | 02.12.2021 |
| 6 | 599 | Krishnappa s/o Chikkalakkappa, Narayanappa s/o Late Chikkalakkappa, Hemalatha G w/o K.S. Ganeshwar, Managing Director Petronet MHB Ltd (A JV of HPCL & ONGC), Roshalin George S/o M.J George, Ani George D/o M.J George, Lwali George George D/o M.J George, M.J George S/o M.M Joseph, K.C Jessy W/o R.Mohan | 40 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 24.11.2021 | 02.12.2021 |
| 7 | 628 | Rajanna S/o late.Chikkamuthharayappa, K.G.Girija W/o Manikantan, Chandrakala W/o T.Srinivasaiah, Suresh B.R S/o Rajanna | 56 | 3 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 24.11.2021 | 01.12.2021 |
| 8 | 665 | Mayamma W/o late.Lakshmaiah, Doddaiah S/o Anjinappa @ Hanumaiah, Rangamma W/o Chikkamutharayappa, Puttalakshmamma W/o late Basavarajappa, Thimmakka W/o Tammaiah, Prema W/o Rajanna, Bylappa S/o Chikkarajanna, Muttappa S/o Eraiah, Rangamma D/o late Chikkamutharayappa, Hanumakka, Byregowda S/o Rajanna, Ashok Kumar S/o Rajanna, Anand Kumar S/o Rajanna, Jayamma W/o Late Muttappa, Santhosh Kumar K.V S/o Late Venkatesh, Chandrashekar.R S/o Ramachandrappa, Lakshmikantha K.R S/o Ramachandrappa, B.R Rangaswamy S/o Late Rangahanumaiah, M.Krishna, U.P Shaji, Jayarama Naik, Raghavendra Rao B.S, J.Shilpa W/o Srirama, Nagaveni W/o B.C Manjunath | 69 | - | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12.11.2021 | 02.12.2021 |
| 9 | 667 | Gangappa s/o Bachanna, S.Chitra Venkataraman, Marimuttu, N.Shivaiah, S.V Shivaprasad, V.Anandan, Narendra, Vasanth Kumar, M.Murugan S/o Late D.Manikyam, G.Bhaskar S/o Gopal, M.Subramani S/o Late D.Manikyam, Singara Velavan S/o C.Subramanyam, C.Chowdappa, T.Munilakshmi, Sunil Kumar and Rinu Sunil, Y.Venkatesh Naidu S/o Munirathnam Naidu, M.Jyothi, Amruthaveni. | 72 | 1 | 0 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 24.11.2021 | 03.12.2021 |
| 10 | 688 | M.Ramesh S/o Late Muniyappa | 75 | 7 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 30.11.2021 | 03.12.2021 |
| 11 | 724 | Bachannas/ogiriyappa, Lakshmamma W/o Arasappa, B.T. Venkateshaiah s/o Thimmaiah, B.G.Krishnappa, G.Venkataswamy, B.G.Ramanjinappa, Narayanamma, Hanumanthappa, Jayaram s/o late Anjinappa, Gowramma W/o Bachanna, Venkataramana s/o Gurappa, Smt.Sharadha W/o Sri. B.N Vinodhrao, Smt. Sharadha W/o Sri. B.N Vinodharao, Smt. S.S. Sujatha W/o Dr.Lokesh, Narayanamma W/o M.Gangaraju, Kavitha W/o S.Siddalingappa, Gangubai Pundarika rao W/o Pundarika rao, Munithayamma and Childrens Muniswamappa, Lakshmamma W/o Muniveerappa, Kempanna s/o Muthanna, Hanumamma W/o Muthanna Converted Land`S. Ragunatha rao s/o S.Jayaram Rao Converted Land, Dudekuala emam saheba s/o Allisaheba , Puttaswamaiah s/o Motegowda, Ganesh S/o Subramanya, Kullayappa S/o Ali Sab, Sarojamma W/o Lakshminarayana, Mariyamma W/o Muniraju, Puttarangaiah S/o Late Hanumanthaiah, Subhash Sharma S/o Paras Sharma, Samatha Sainik Dal State General Secretary B.R Sriram S/o Late Ramaiah, Venkatesh S/o Late Ramaiah, E.Venkataswamy, H.Hanumappa S/o Late Hanumanthaiah, Hrushikesh Biswal S/o Haladhar Biswal, Lakshmamma W/o Sathyanarayana, Sridhar C S/o Chakravarthy, K.B Harisomeshwara S/o Late M.N Krishnaraja Patil, P.V Ganesh, S.Yogesh, J.Divakar S/o Late A.Jayaram, Byramma W/o Munibyrappa | 119 | 1, 2, 3 | 4 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 18.11.2021 | 03.12.2021 |
| 12 | 731 | Muniyappa s/o Late Buddaiah, Gopamma W/o Gangojirao, Chethana.M D/o Maregowda, Prasanna Kumar.C S/o Chowdappa, Manjula.C D/o Chowdappa, Latha.C D/o Chowdappa, Chowdappa.C S/o Chikkagudiyappa, Adithyan, Bathala Umamaheswara Rao, Joseph Thomas, Ravikumar.A, Gangamma W/o Late Muniyappa, Chandrashekar, Tauhidur Rahman, Narayanaraju, Kishor P.V, Anu Anna Varghese. | 122 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 02.11.2021 | 08.12.2021 |
| 13 | 733 | Putta Hanuma s/o Munivenkata, Munishamappa, Muniyappa, Munianjinappa, J.Veradichandh, J.Veradichandh, J.Veradichandh, Munishamappa, J.Varadichandh s/o Javahar Mal, J.Varadichandh s/o Javahar Mal, Hanumanthappa S/o Late Putta Hanumaiah, Anjinappa S/o Late Putta Hanumaiah, V.Jayamma W/o Venkatesh, V.Rajeev Kumar S/o Late K.Vasudevan Nair, Anupama D.H, Harinadha Naidu S/o L.Chandrashekar, Havaldar Manjunatha H.J, Subedar K Selvam, Subedar Muniswamy S.K, Ashok Bandari, N.Uma, N.Shantha W/o G.M Narayan, B.V Sridhar and B.Manjunatha S/o Veerachari.B, B.Krishnachari S/o Late Basappachari, C.Narayanaswamy S/o Late Channarayappa, Ashok Reddy.M S/o Mallareddy, Ashok.K S/o Shivamurthyappa.K, Azad Singh S/o Tara Chand, Hanumanthappa S/o Sharanappa, Balachandra.V Kabadi S/o Veerabhadrappa Kabadi, Manjunath, V.Radha, R.Chandrashekar, P.Krishna Reddy, Rajeshwari.M, R.Komala, R.Roopa, Pandu | 150 | 1 & 2 | 3 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 38 | 12.11.2021 | 03.12.2021 |
| 14 | 734 | Puttahanuma ,Gowramma, Venkatalakshmamma D/o late Muniveerappa,J.Vardichandh s/o Javahar mal,M.Somashekar s/o Mutharayappa, Chandhan mal s/o Javahar mal,K.P Anjinappa and Hanumanthappa, N.Umaprabha, Shivakumar S/o Honnappa, J.Tulasamma W/o Jairam, D.N Geetha W/o P.V Venugopal, Kavitha W/o Rameshlal Jain, D.Sadashivaiah S/o Devarakondappa, V.Manjunath, V.Manjunath Shetty, V.Kumar and P.Chandrika, S.Puspavathi W/o Krishnappa, P.Krishnareddy, Gangasingh S/o Late Gopal Singh, M.Gangadhara, N.Devaraja, N.Srirama, Purnaram S/o Lachharam, A.Narayanaswamy, D.V Geetha, M.S Kantharaj, Jayarama Jetty, L.Krishnamurthy, M.Somashekar, H.K Vasantha W/o Anandkumar, T.G Sheshagiri, Om Prakash Upadhyaya, Niranjan Prithwiraju.E S/o Late T.Ebinezar, Jayamma, P.M Rameshwaran S/o Late P.Muniswamy, S.J Mamatha W/o R.Krishnakumar, Shobha.K W/o Keshava.G, G.Sunil Kumar, N.Srirama S/o Late Narasimhaiah, K.V Shivalingamurthy S/o K.C Veeranna, Sunil Kumar K.S, Vinutha D/o Prathap Reddy, Subedar Kishan Singh | 151 | 1/1 & 2 & 20 | 4 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 24.11.2021 | 03.12.2021 |
| 15 | 739 | C.Chowdappa s/o Chikkagudiyappa, D.Rukmini W/o K.Devaraj, Rathnamma, G.Sunil Kumar S/o K.N Gopalan Nair, Tejan B.M, Hari Kumar, Suresh Naidu S/o Appanaidu, N.S Sudhadevi D/o N.V Sundar Rao, E.Sidda Muninaidu, K.P Sudha W/o T.P Rajan, Kavitha W/o Krishnamurthy, Kapili Muninaidu, C.S Srikanth and R.A Sharadha, G.Nanjundaiah S/o M.Gangadharaiah, G.Mangalagowri, R.N Ashwathanarayana, N.G Sunil Kumar, K.Murali, A.Sharadha, G.Veerabhadraiah | 152 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 24.11.2021 | 02.12.2021 |
| 16 | 740 | C.Chowdappa s/o Chikkagudiyappa, K.Eshwaramma, Anand B.V, Shobha W/o Venugopal, C.Chowdappa, S.Parimala, K.Jayalakshmi, M.Vivek for minor guardian K.Murali, Madamma W/o Mariyappan, G.Veerabhadraiah S/o Late Gejjappaiah, P.Devadas George S/o George P, Lalitha Bai D/o Jayavantharaj, Lokanathareddy, E.Veerabhadraiah, Devadas George S/o George. | 152 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 24.11.2021 | 02.12.2021 |

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ಸಹಿ/- ಪಿ.ಎಂ. ನಂದಿನಿ, ಕೆ.ಎ.ಎಸ್., ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ–6

Four people who were travelling in a truck laden with onion from Gadag to Bengaluru were killed in a road accident at Alur cross on Pune-Bengaluru national highway at Hiriyur taluk of Chitradurga district on Monday.

# KCR looks to rebuild anti-BJP front

## Telangana CM to meet TN counterpart MK Stalin today, to discuss regional role of parties

VV BALAKRISHNA @ Hyderabad

TELANGANA Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao's meeting with his Tamil Nadu counterpart MK Stalin, scheduled to take place in Chennai on Tuesday, has led to speculation that the TRS supremo has resumed his efforts to unite all the non-BJP regional political parties ahead of next general elections.

Before 2018 Assembly elections too, Rao undertook tours to several states, including Tamil Nadu, Odisha and West Bengal. In the recent past, the TRS intensified its attack against the BJP over rice procurement, non-implementation of assurances given in the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014 and other issues. In fact, Rao himself led a Maha Dharna organised recently at Indira Park in Hyderabad in protest against the central government's rice procurement policy.

According to sources, during his meeting with Stalin, Rao is likely to discuss political situation in the country, the role of the regional parties and the indifferent attitude of Modi government towards the farmers. Rao may also discuss the double standards adopted by the Central government over rice procurement.

The TRS party contends that the Centre procures entire stock of rice produced in Punjab but imposes restrictions when it comes to procuring rice from States like Telangana and Odisha.

Meanwhile, TRS MLC Palla Rajeshwar Reddy said that the pink party would fight till the BJP government is dethroned at the Centre.

Telangana CM K Chandrasekhar Rao along with his family members at the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple in Srirangam on Monday | MK ASHOK KUMAR

Speaking to the media, he said: "We do not require anti-farmer government at Centre. We will only support a government which procures rice from the State. The TRS would support whoever fights against the BJP government."

"Chief Minister KCR will take an appropriate decision at an appropriate time," he added.

### Emulating model of DMK

It may be recalled that TRS working president KT Rama Rao recently announced that a TRS delegation would visit Chennai to study the organisational structure and style of functioning of the DMK. The TRS would emulate the DMK in order to sustain the party in the State.

### KCR visits Srirangam

Chandrasekhar Rao, who along with his family members left for Tiruchy from Begumpet airport on Monday, had darshan of Sri Ranganatha Swamy at Srirangam. On Tuesday, Rao will attend a programme in Tiruttani and later meet Stalin in Chennai. Rao is being accompanied by son and IT Minister KT Rama Rao.

# PM's picture on vax certificate okay: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

"WHAT'S the problem with affixing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's photo on the vaccination certificate?" the Kerala High Court asked a petitioner --- a state-level master coach at the Jawaharlal Nehru Leadership Institute, New Delhi --- who approached the court saying the photo was a violation of fundamental rights.

"He is our prime minister and not the prime minister of the US. Modi came to power with people's mandate and not through any shortcuts," observed Justice P V Kunhikrishnan.

"Why you are working with an institution named after former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru? Why are you not taking a stand to remove the name of Nehru from that institution? Modi is our prime minister. You may have political differences, but I can't understand what is the problem with the prime minister's photo on the certificate," the court told petitioner Peter Mayaliparambil of Kottayam.

The petitioner argued the PM's photograph has no relevance in a vaccination certificate as can be seen from similar ones issued by other countries.

Assistant Solicitor General S Manu submitted the writ petition is not maintainable. There was a question in the parliament on a similar issue and it was clearly answered. There is no violation of fundamental rights. The petition is not in the public interest, he said. "Somebody else may come and challenge the depiction of the father of the nation, saying it is improper. The perceptions of various of people may not be accepted in the writ proceedings of the nature," ASG said.

# Raj bags over ₹74K cr investment proposals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Rajasthan Government on Monday bagged investment proposals worth Rs 74,312 crore, which comprise four MoUs and 15 Letters of Intent, at an investor connect programme held in the city.

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), along with the Rajasthan Government, hosted a programme on Monday as a precursor to the Invest Rajasthan Summit, due to be held in Jaipur on January 24-25 2022.

These investment committments came from technology-based industries, such as robotics, EVs, technical textiles, and renewable energy, along with conventional sectors of hospitality, healthcare and real estate.

JSW Neo Energy made a proposal to develop a 1,000-MW hydro pump-based energy storage plant in Sirohi district, at an estimated investment of Rs 4,900 crore, while Addverb Technologies plans to develop an industrial automation and robotics products manufacturing unit at Karoli EMC Zone in Alwar district. Rajasthan also bagged investment proposals worth Rs 160 crore from Mysore.

"Investor enthusiasm at the recent connect programme testifies to their confidence in the state's potential and policies of the State Government. It has also raised our expectations of the success of Invest Rajasthan," said Rajasthan Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat.

# Hacker Sriki appears before police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

NOTORIOUS cryptocurrency hacker Sri Krishna, alias Sriki, on Sunday appeared before JB Nagar police over a drunken brawl case. The incident had occurred in a star hotel on Old Airport Road on November 6, and Sriki had obtained conditional bail. As per legal formalities, he appeared before the investigation officer and signed before him.

A senior police officer said he had appeared before the police a few days ago, and when police went to check on him at his house, his parents were unaware about his whereabouts. Police had issued a notice to his lawyer that his bail would be cancelled as he had violated bail conditions, following which he came before the investigation officer and apologised for skipping the last visit. He was asked to appear again before police on the fourth Saturday of the month.

It may be recalled that Sriki was arrested by JB Nagar police along with his friend Vishnu Bhat, and the duo was involved in a drunken brawl and held for trespassing a star hotel. A day later, police found that they were under the influence of drugs and booked them under the NDPS Act.

# Man kills special child, ends life

BENGALURU: Depressed over health issues, a 41-year-old auto driver killed his 10-year-old specially-abled son and then hanged himself in Sampangiram Nagar on Monday morning.

A senior police officer said the incident took place around 6.30 am. The deceased, Suresh, pushed his son Uday Sai into the water sump and closed the lid. Later, he went to Seshadripuram railway track and ended his life by hanging himself from a tree.

Suresh's wife Lakshmi, who was asleep, woke up and searched for Uday. When she didn't find him anywhere, she alerted the neighbours who found Uday's body in the sump. She then alerted police, who found that Suresh had ended his life. Lakshmi told the police that Suresh was under depression as their son was specially challenged from birth, and Suresh also had spinal cord issues.

# 2-day frog fest to be held at Muppane on Saturday

ENS @ Shivamogga

THE district is all set for the state's first frog festival at Muppane Nature Camp on the backwaters of Sharavathi near Kargal in Sagar taluk on Saturday and Sunday 'Kappe Habba-2021' will be held to create awareness among the masses about the conservation of frogs. Frog watch and moth observations will be a part of the two-day festival.

Sources said that the festival will also passing a resolution to declare a state frog which is likely to be Malabar Tree Toad. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Sanjai Mohan, will inaugurate the festival in the presence of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Information and Technology) Ritu Kakkar at 10 am. A lecture will be delivered on 'World of Amphibians-Basic Information' at 11.15 am.

A documentary on frogs, will be screened at 12.15 pm. A lecture on 'Need for Research and Citizen Science' will be held at 2 pm. Another lecture on 'Role DNA Barcoding in Conservation of Amphibians' will be held at 3.15 pm. Shivamogga DCF B M Ravindrakumar will deliver a speech at 4.45 pm.

For more information, call: 8277383139 and 9448407544.

# No entry to tourist hubs in C'magaluru

ENS @ Shivamogga

THE Chikkamagaluru district administration has temporarily banned the entry of people to some tourist spots in Chikkamagaluru taluk for five days, starting from Thursday.

The decision has been taken in the wake of Datta Jayanti, which is scheduled to be held at Shree Guru Dattatreya Bababudan Swamy Dargah for three days from Friday.

The district administration stated in a release that there will be no entry for tourists to Mullayyanagiri, Seetalayyanagiri, Manikyadhara, Honnammanahalla and Shree Guru Dattatreya Bababudan Swamy Dargah in the taluk from 6 am on Thursday to 6 am on Monday.

However, tourists can visit other places in the district.

MILTARY MIGHT

An Army tank takes part in a demonstration organised by the Directorate General Quality Assurance at Heavy Vehicle Factory, Avadi, in Chennai on Monday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

# Army jawan goes missing, fails to report for duty, cops launch search

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Siddipet

AN Army jawan, who came home on November 17 and was supposed to report back to duty in Faridkot on December 6, has gone missing. Siddipet police have launched an investigation into the whereabouts of Sai Kiran Reddy.

Three teams have been formed to conduct the search operation and one team has already left for Delhi. According to Husnabad ACP Satish, the jawan is a resident of Pothireddypally village under Cheryala police station. H

e joined the Army 15 months ago and had come home on leave on November 17, and was scheduled to report to duty on December 6.

On December 7, when he did not report back to duty, Captain Nikhil Sharma from his unit called Kiran Reddy, but could not reach him. Later, the Captain called Kiran Reddy' father Patek Reddy, who told the Captain that his son left home on December 5 and even made a WhatsApp call before boarding the flight at Shamshabad Airport in Hyderabad.

Kiran Reddy's parents called relatives and friends for two days asking about him, but in vain, after that they lodged a complaint with the Cheryala police. A zero FIR was registered at the Cheryala police station and an investigation has begun into the case.

# Probe book burning row, says Kolar SP

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

KOLAR SP Dekka Kishore Babu has ordered a detailed probe into the recent incident in Srinivasapura, where some youths allegedly burnt Christian religious books, before handing over four members of the community to the police, accusing them of conversion.

According to sources, the office of the Central Range IGP sought a report on the incident, which was sent by SP Kishore Babu. Meanwhile, none from the Hindu or Christian communities have lodged any complaint over the incident.

**LOST**

I, **R.GAVTHAM REDDY**, S/o, V.Reddy, Residing at Door No.4016, 1st Cross, 16th Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038, have Lost the Original Sale Deed, bearing **Document No.2892/1991, of Sy.No. 690,** and **Flat No.545 & 546,** in respect of the property situated at Kothagondapalli Village, Hosur Taluk. A Complaint has been lodged in this regard bearing GSC No. PO10141224173321, Reference No.1371/2021, Dated: 04-10-2021. Finders may kindly return the Documents to the nearest Police Station.

**IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE V ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-13) O.S. No. 727/2021**

**Between: Sri. K.K. Shivappagowda** S/o Komarigowda, aged about 57 years, R/at No. 205, 1st Floor, Rashi Nilaya, 5th Cross, Shivanandanagar, New Thippasandra Post, Bengaluru-560075. ... **Plaintiff**

**And: Smt. Navanedham** W/o Late Vedivelu, aged about 55 years, R/at No. 14 C, 3rd Floor, Brundavan Layout, L.B. Sharthry Nagar, Bengaluru-560017.

**Notice to the 2nd Defendant**

**Smt. Divya** W/o Late Shivaneshan, aged about 35 years, R/at No. 14 C, 3rd Floor, Brundavan Layout, L.B. Sharthry Nagar, Bengaluru-560017. ... **Defendant No. 2**

**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT No.2, SMT. DIVYA, UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (I-A) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has filed a suit for money recovery of Rs. 9,00,000/- along with 18% interest and other reliefs and the R.P.A.D & Court summons issued by this Hon'ble court was un-served on you, since you have evaded to take the notice from the Hon'ble court by leaving your husband house after the death of your husband and your whereabouts are not known.

WHEREFORE you are hereby summoned to appear before this court in person on **02-02-2022** at 11.00 AM in the forenoon to answer the question to the same.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the Plaintiff will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on 09-12-2021.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff:
**K.P. CHANDRASHEKAR REDDY**
No. 39/2, 2nd Floor, A.S.V.N.V Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Phone:- 9844089956

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the General public that our clients intend to purchase Flat No.GF-001, Ground floor, having 1440sq.ft of super built-up area, undivided land 300sq.ft, BBMP No.297, 6th 'A' Cross, BSK 1st stage, 2nd block, Bengaluru, PID No.in the apartment building "SAI RACHANA", along with one covered car parking space, comprised on property No.297, 6th 'A' cross, BSK 1st stage, 2nd block, Bengaluru,. Any person/s asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the Sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within TWOdays from the date of this publication, failing which my client will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereof.

**PRAROOP LAW,**
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**IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE X ADDLDISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE (DEDICATED COMMERCIAL COURT) BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT BANGALORE**
**COMM OS NO. 84 /2020**

**Between**
**M/s. Union Bank of India**
Bommasandra Branch
Near Priyadarshini Petrol Bunk,
Hosur Main Road, Bommasandra,
Bangalore-5600099
Represented by its
Branch Manager
Mr.Sumit Kumar, S/o Anil Kumar Sharma,
Aged about 34 years ..... **Plaintiff**

**AND**

1. **M/s Raghavendra Medical and General Store**
ANo.261/12, Krishnappa Layout
Teachers Colony, Kittaganahalli,
Bommasandra, Bangalore-560099
Represented by its Proprietor Mr.
Raghavendra
2. **Mr. Raghavendra**
Residing at No.261/212/77, Ground Floor, Krishnappa Layout, Teachers Colony, Kittaganahalli, Bommasandra, Bangalore-560099. ..... **Defendants**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff above named have filed a petition Under Section 26 Order VII Rule 1 of the Code of Civil Procedure, for appearance of the Defendant. The summons issued by RPAD to the Defendant to appear for hearing before the Hon'ble The Commercial Court Bangalore Rural at Bangalore is not duly served. Therefore the Defendant hereby summoned to appear before this Forum in person on 21-12-2021 at 11.00 AM

The said Defendant to take notice that in default of appearance on the day before mentioned the dispute will be heard and disposed ex-parte on merits.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 4th day of December 2021.

**By the Order of the Court**
Sd/- Sheristedar
X Addl.District & Sessions Court,
Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru
**Advocate for Plaintiff**
**N.S.Nanaiah**
**Sai Associates**
Off: No.27/B, Deccan Palms, Opp.Dwaraka Nilaya, Ananthnagar Phase II, Electronic City, Bangalore - 560100

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**Request for Proposal Notification Dt: 10.12.2021**

The RFP proposals invited for providing STPs in 3 packages East Godavari-I, II Packages in East Godavari District & Guntur Districts in Andhra Pradesh vide tender notice No: 01/CTO-I/APTIDCO/2020-21, dt:10.12.2021 on E- Procurement Platform (1st & 3rd call). APTIDCO hereby issued the RFP notice for the attention of all potential bidders for the above said RFPs that, any other particulars please contact Concern CTO-I during office working hours and the detailed RFP can be downloaded from the E-procurement platform at **http://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in.**

**Sd/- .12.2021 Managing Director, APTIDCO, Vijayawada.**

DIPR No.550PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.13/12/2021

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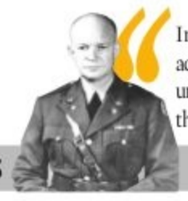
# EDITORIAL



In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist

Dwight D Eisenhower

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— Ramnath Goenka

## HOLISTIC SOLUTIONS NEEDED TO TACKLE INCOME INEQUALITY

In a country like India where privileges manifest in various forms—gender, caste and religion—the increasing wealth and income disparity only exacerbate the situation. Financial prosperity, which is said to blur other forms of social discrimination, is only deepening the divide as the rich are getting richer and the poor are falling off the curve. As per the latest World Inequality Report, income and wealth inequalities in India are worse than what they were under British rule—when the richest 10% of the population took away 50% of the total income. Today, the situation is worse with the richest 10% accumulating 57%, while the share of the bottom 50% in the national income has shrunk to 13%. To put things in perspective, globally the richest 10% takes 52% of global income, whereas the poorest half earn 8% of it. The World Inequality Report succinctly puts it: "India stands out as a poor and very unequal country, with an affluent elite."

India's per capita income on a purchasing power parity basis has jumped five times from $1,200 in 1990 to $6,500 in 2020. However, this tremendous growth in average income hides the growing inequality within. The Inequality Report points out this irony: "This sharp rise in within-country inequalities has meant that despite economic catch-up and strong growth in the emerging countries, the world remains particularly unequal today."

Covid has only made things worse with many people working in the informal sector losing their livelihoods. And while the formal sector has captured the markets left vacant by informal sectors, it did not absorb a large workforce employed by the latter. A report by SBI Research recently pointed out that the share of the informal economy may have shrunk from 52% in FY18 to 20%. India's labour force participation has also fallen below 50% in the last couple of years and is hovering around 47.5%. If seen through filters of gender, caste, religion and prevailing disparities, the income and wealth inequality may only point towards a more disturbing picture. It is probably time we see these inequality numbers in further detail to address the issue in a more holistic manner.

## ALLOW ASSEMBLY TO FUNCTION IN ODISHA

The Winter Session of the Odisha Assembly was adjourned sine die on Friday, a good 20 day ahead of its scheduled closure. Intense protests by the opposition BJP and Congress from the very start did not allow the House to conduct normal transaction. It was also for the first time that question hour could not be taken up even for a single day. The demand for the dismissal of Dibya Shankar Mishra, minister of state for home, over his alleged links with the main accused in the murder of a woman teacher had brought the opposition parties to their feet and both outfits were unrelenting. From *dharna* to sprinkling of Ganga *jal*, the session saw ruckus of all kinds and normal business was fully stalled. After the Appropriation Bill for supplementary budget was passed, the Chief Whip brought a motion suggesting that the House be adjourned as no pending business was awaiting transaction. Following this, the House was adjourned after being in limbo for nine days. The Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Odisha Assembly is clear: "Subject to Article 174 of the Constitution of India in every calendar year, the Assembly shall have not less than three Sessions with minimum 60 sitting days." This year, the House met for just 43 days, though it is well within its rights to decide curtailment below that.

The problem is not about meeting the 60 days norm. It is that there are issues of public concern crying out for attention that were not debated. And this is the primary role of a legislature. Though history is witness to similar truncated sessions back in the 1980s and 90s, the Assembly did vigorously discuss key subjects. But the past years have seen the opposition stalling the House over a single issue and the ruling dispensation, with its brute majority, moving to adjourn the session. The BJP and Congress may consider this a win but they lost a golden chance of pinning down the government on many burning topics. No question hour, adjournment or calling attention motion and no opportunity for MLAs to flag issues of their respective areas, which is their basic right—this definitely is not a good sign. It's about time the treasury and the opposition benches sat down and reached a common ground to allow the House to function. That would be in greater public interest.

The pity is that the statute as well as the forces that were designed for the people of the country unreasonably and unjustly burden them instead

## AFSPA, A LAW WARRANTING URGENT REPEAL

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The tragedy in Nagaland has shocked the nation's conscience. The death of 14 civilians and a soldier, on the face of it, was essentially caused by gross intelligence failure. An egregious error in judgement has led to killing of the innocent. The executive excess had a devastating effect, given the irrational immunity provided by the law. The behaviour of the commando unit was instigated and abetted, at least indirectly, by the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958, in which lawlessness becomes the law. Such incidents are a culmination of the impunity granted to the Army by the statute. It is unfortunate that the incident might adversely impact the progress that the country has made in the discourse with the armed rebels in the Northeast.

The law had a paradoxical origin, and an equally paradoxical evolution. The British designed it by way of an ordinance in 1942, as a device to suppress the Quit India Movement and post-Independence, the Parliament enacted it on 11 September 1958. Pandit Nehru justified it as an essential legal tool against those who try to "coerce the governmental authority by organised violence".

But the history of the law also unfolds the history of crimes committed by the Army on India's own people. Those were often crimes without punishment. In 1995, a convoy of Rashtriya Rifles with hundreds of jawans shot at the civilians in Kohima city. Seven people were killed and many injured. In 2000, the Malom massacre occurred in Manipur, where 10 civilians were allegedly shot down by a unit of Assam Rifles. Irom Sharmila's hunger strike began to protest against this brutality, which in turn developed as a crusade against the law as such. In 2004, a woman was raped and murdered, and the men in Assam Rifles were accused of committing the heinous crime. This too led to an unprecedented agitation in which the women expressed their anger and anguish all in one banner, saying "Indian Army, Rape us."

As such, the law has not been safer in the hands of Assam Rifles, and the indication to the contrary in the analysis in *Nagaland ambush reopens old AFSPA wound in Northeast* (Dec 10) is contestable.

The Assam Rifles too has a curious origin. It was devised by the British to fight the tribes in the Northeast that raised their voice against the Raj. Strangely, as in the case of the AFSPA, this force too was retained by the government to fight the rebels of the sovereign. Power often speaks the same language. The pity is that the statute as well as the forces that were designed for the people of the country unreasonably and unjustly burden them instead. Extra-Judicial Execution Victim Families Association Manipur (EEVFAM), an organisation formed by the victims of the Army's atrocities, allege that thousands have been killed in fake encounters during the last few decades in the AFSPA-operated areas. Insurgency always arms the state and in between the insurgent and the state, the rights of citizens get crushed.

The statute has arbitrary contents. For example, Section 3 gives power to the government to declare certain parts of the country as "disturbed areas" and Section 4 allows an officer of the armed forces to "fire upon or otherwise use force, even to the causing of death", against persons breaking the law or lawful orders, as per the conditions stated in the Act. This power is meant to be used for "the maintenance of public order". The section also empowers the Army to arrest persons, enter premises and conduct search and seizure without a warrant from any authority. By virtue of Section 6, protection is granted to "persons acting under (the) Act". The statute does not even require that the acts, to qualify for protection, should be one done in good faith, a rider that the law adopts in several other enactments. The cumulative effect of these provisions creates a kind of military regime in the AFSPA-declared areas. This makes a mockery of the right to life guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution.

> An amendment of the law or a cosmetic replacement will not resolve the issue. Technological advancement in recent times also makes the logic of the 1958 statute obsolete. So AFSPA needs to be scrapped altogether. In doing so, the state will only be trying to heal the wounds that the law has mercilessly inflicted on the nation

The Act applies only on declaration that a state or part of it is a "disturbed area". Thus, the law is selective in its application resulting in blatant geographical discrimination. Tenure of the law is often extended mechanically. At present, the Act applies to Assam, Nagaland, and a good part of Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, apart from Jammu and Kashmir.

In the Extra-Judicial Execution Victim Families Association vs Union of India (2016), the Supreme Court said that the statute does not provide a "blanket immunity" to the perpetrators if the action is unjustified. The court prescribed a thorough enquiry into "each instance of an alleged extra-judicial killing". But the fact of the matter is that the complaints by individuals and even the First Information Reports registered by the state police are either discarded or they simply vanish. Though the apex court ruling has a precedential value in the context of pleas for probe or compensation, it is inadequate to prevent the crimes under the guise of law enforcement.

Democracy, after all, is a perpetual process of course correction. An amendment of the law or a cosmetic replacement will not resolve the issue. Technological advancement in recent times also makes the logic of the 1958 statute obsolete. So AFSPA needs to be scrapped altogether. In doing so, the state will only be trying to heal the wounds that the law has mercilessly inflicted on the nation.

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## FROM SPACE TO CONSCIOUSNESS: INDIC ARCHITECTURE – II

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What is the ultimate purpose of architecture? Is it mere utility or a lasting human validity? Dividing our experience of the world into interior and exterior, what does the act of building effect in human terms? A separation or continuum? A split or equipoise? Alienation or belonging? This series explores two central architectural concepts from early India, *mandala* and *mandara*, in which form and spirit fused synergistically with a view to transcending divides and transforming the partaker. In metaphysical terms, the *hrdayakasha* (human heart) and *paramakasha* (cosmos) or the individual *atman* (soul) and universal *brahman* (pure consciousness) mirrored each other, and true knowledge was the realisation of their unity. So Indic architecture too, at its highest, became a meditation on the true nature of reality, which led to liberation.

How did this happen actually? One of the powerful techniques evolved for this was the concept of *vastupurushamandala*. Note the homology between the human body (*purusha*) and architecture (*vastu*)—an understanding of space in the image of man, a parallel that extended between the body and the universe too, as we will see. The *mandala* is a square grid design or plan consisting of 64 or 81 squares radiating outwards from the centre, on which ritual altars, temples, chaityas, houses, palaces or cities were meant to be founded in early Indian architectural thought. It is a configuration of square base, surrounding enclosure with apertures/exits, and a real or projected vertical axis.

In the temple specifically, this "axis of access", as Michael Meister called it, was visualised stemming from the *mandala's* centre, the sanctum called *garbhagrha* (womb), *guha* (cave) or *hrdaya* (heart). It rose through graded tiers till as high as the devotee's vision could rise, to form a spire called *shikhara* (peak) or *vimana* (tower), culminating in a finial or summit called *bindu* (point).

The *bindu* served literally as the point of contact between the immanent, concealed, recessed consciousness deep within the *garbhagrha* or *hrdayakasha* on the one hand and the transcendent expansive infinite consciousness without, i.e. the *brahman* or *paramakasha* on the other. The temple plan thus symbolised the "descent and ascent of consciousness", to quote R Nagaswamy, and provided for the merger of exterior with interior, or of eternal consciousness with that of the devotee. Duality was thus overcome, reality was thus realised. Further, it is by the spatial plan of the temple, via the *mandapa* or verandah that led straight up to the sanctum, that the devotee was inexorably drawn to the *garbhagrha* to experience this self-transcendence.

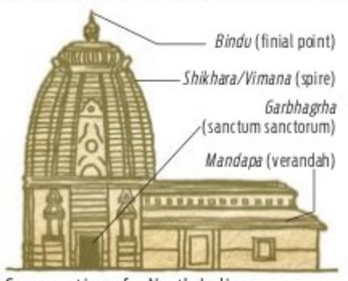
As if that wasn't transformative enough, the temple also served as a participatory creation myth. The reference to *purusha* harks back to the celebrated Vedic *Purusha Sukta* or creation hymn, wherein the cosmos was born from the body of the primeval or supernal man. But "in the beginning was darkness, swathed in darkness; all this was but unmanifested water," as the *Rig Veda Samhita* (X.129.3) narrates. From this cosmic ocean of darkness, using the inverted heavenly mountain named Meru or Mandara, the gods and demons conjointly churned into existence all of creation. Mount Mandara is veritably the *axis mundi*, then, that rent or pillared apart the heavens and the earth, holding up the former, connecting it to the latter, and lending to the Hindu temple its name, *mandara*, and its analogy with a mountain.

Here is, interestingly, how the astrophysicist McKim Malville describes the experience of entering a temple:

"Moving inward in space and backward in time, one proceeds from brightly lighted exterior space to darkness, from large open spaces to confined small space, from richness of carving and decoration to the simplicity of the unadorned centre … Enshrouded by a darkness pierced only by a few lamps, lies the *garbhagrha* … symbolic of the chaos, potentiality and undifferentiated wholeness out of which the universe emerged. Spreading outward from the centre along cardinal and intercardinal directions, the stones of the temple [and the rich iconography on them] symbolise the [diversity of] creation into which the universe transformed itself."

The underlying unity is never lost thus. As the *Katha Upanishad* tells us: *rupam rupam pratirupo bhavuh* (the formless takes many forms). Further: "Decorated with symbols of water like images of Ganga and Yamuna, the doorway of the [womb chamber] is a transformational symbol, like water itself. When entering … the devotee undergoes a transformation and a death: He dies to time. For he can travel back in time by moving to the temple centre, and experiencing or re-experiencing [there] the birth of the cosmos."

> Far from a contradiction in terms, early Indian architecture appears to have been meant to overcome contradictions of the inner and the outer, the subject and the object, mind and matter, unity and multiplicity. It was meant to recuperate the whole




Cross section of a North Indian (*Nagara*) style temple (*mandara*)

The temple plan thus set eternity in motion, as it were! Can there be a more profound reminder to humankind of being at one with creation? And can there be a more powerful argument for overcoming the fragmentation and alienation that plague modern humans and society?

What may we take away from all this? One, we must acknowledge the transcendent potential of architecture and the veritable power of built space when it is true to, and in harmony with, qualities of the human spirit in equipoise. Therefore modern architecture must discover meaning and purpose that are greater than itself. And two, we must infuse contemporary building practice with culturally specific possibilities and solutions to the perennial problems of the human condition.

In other words, we must restore to the practice a communitarian knowledge and vision of a better way of life. Far from a contradiction in terms, early Indian architecture appears to have been meant to overcome contradictions of the inner and the outer, the subject and the object, mind and matter, unity and multiplicity. It was meant to recuperate the whole. Let architecture be meditation once again, and heal and make whole again.

*(Concluded)*

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### Hinduism and Hindutva

The Congress launched a tactical war against the BJP in Jaipur. Distinguishing between Hinduism and Hindutva, Rahul Gandhi said that the latter was a political tool to grab power. Regarding the farmers' year-long protest, which forced the government to roll back its three farm sector reform laws, Gandhi argued that the prime minister betrayed the peasants. Further, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra slammed the BJP government for selling whatever the Congress had built in 70 years. But can these vituperative outbursts dent the BJP's image?

**NJ Ravi Chander, Bengaluru**

### Interference by the state

The fight between the government and the governor has reached a new phase. The governor, as a last resort, expressed his mental pressure and agony against the frequent and continuous interference by state ministers and party leaders in the day-to-day affairs of universities.

**Suresh Babu N C, Aluva**

### Acting like an oppn party

The remarks by the Kerala governor against the state government are immature. Here the governor has acted like an opposition party. In a democratic country, the governor should work with the ruling government. If he wants to criticise the government, he could resign and do so.

**A K Anil Kumar, Neyyattinkara**

### Fake news pollutes minds

This is with reference to *Case on Kerala YouTube channel for fake news of students celebrating CDS' death* (Dec 13). Fake news like the one circulated on a Kerala-based YouTube channel pollute the minds of people before they are found to be false. It is unfortunate that there are people who forward such messages despite knowing that they are fake. Kudos to the mainstream media that keeps the people informed.

**K Ganesh, Coimbatore**

### Surveys are superior

This is with reference to *NFHS and why surveys are better than asking a cab driver* (Dec 13). As a person who has spent a lifetime organising and conducting censuses and sample surveys not only in India but abroad, I entirely agree with the author. No census or sample survey is error free. But a census conducts a post-enumeration survey and publishes the levels of coverage and content errors so that the data users could take them into account while analysing the results. A sample survey publishes the margin of error in percentage at a certain level of confidence, say 95%. The results of these statistical exercises are reliable and objective. They are indeed superior to opinions based on casual observation.

**N Rama Rao, Chennai**

### Mask up, need booster

In the light of Omicron, people have a responsibility to wear face masks and maintain social distancing. Also, the state could consider giving booster doses.

**Rajakumar Arulanandham, Palayamkottai**

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**TWEETS OF THE DAY**

**Manish Tewari** @ManishTewari
Punjab deserves truth. Financial condition is precarious. Govt revenues have no capacity to sustain competitive freebies being offered by political parties

**Sanjay Singh AAP** @SanjayAzadSin
The job of teachers of UP is to educate children, not to leave school to make Modi's rally successful. BJP is losing, at least don't ruin the future of children

**Derek O'Brien** @derekobrienmp
Farmers won. Everyone else were only supporting cast. 1 yr and 3 months ago, 8 of us MPs sat in a dharna against undemocratic passage of farm laws

# KASHI HISTORICALLY WITHSTOOD INVADERS: MODI

Prime Minister remembers exploits of ancient royal and Shivaji, terms Vishwanath temple a confluence of India's past and present

**NAMITA BAJPAI** @ Lucknow

LORD Shiva. History of Kashi as a place which defied invaders. Restoring the glory of temples. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's thrust was broadly on these themes during his speech after inaugurating Phase I of Kashi Vaishwanath Corridor in Varanasi. Uttar Pradesh is headed for Assembly elections early next year. The PM invoked Raja Suheldev, a royal who was popular in eastern UP for defeating the army of Muslim invader Salar Masood. He also hailed Chhatrapati Shivaji for standing up to Aurangzeb.

Clad in saffron with a *'rudraksha mala'* around his neck, a *'kalash'* (water pot) in his hands and chanting *shlokas*, the PM was seen in his Shiva devotee avatar.

He took a dip in Ganga at Lalita Ghat, worshipped the Sun God for nine minutes standing in waist-deep water before proceeding to the temple to perform other rituals. "There is only one government in Kashi and that is the one ruled by Damaruwala (Lord Shiva). The blessings of Lord Shiva, a supernatural energy, awakens our inner soul as soon as we enter Kashi which is immortal," Modi said.

While proceeding to Kaal Bhairav temple, Modi broke security protocol at various spots and accepted headgear and shawl offered by common people of Varanasi who showered petals on him.

*"Kashi avisnashi hai* (Kashi is immortal). Invaders tried to destroy the city but Kashi withstood every attack as sultanates rose and fell. If any Salar Masood comes here, brave warriors like Raja Suheldev makes the invader feel the power of unity. History is witness to Aurangzeb's atrocities. He tried to change civilisation by the sword. But the soil of this country is magical. If an Aurangzeb comes, a Shivaji also emerges," said the PM. He also mentioned how British Governor General Warren Hastings had to make a hasty retreat in the guise of a woman from Kashi.

In an emotional tone, the PM said Kashi Vishwanath temple as the abode of Lord Shiva reflects India's ancient history. "One will take pride in coming here as this is a confluence of the ancient and new. The new complex of Kashi Vishwanath Dham is not just a grand building, but a symbol of our *sanatan* (traditional) culture, spiritual soul and India's antiquity and traditions. New India is proud of its culture and also has confidence on its ability. There is *virasat* (legacy) blended with *vikas* (development)."

Modi added that Vishwanath Dham is full of energy. "Many ancient temples lost have been restored again. They used to say restoration of Vishwanath Dham was a daunting task and nobody could do it. Many Modis have come and gone but no one could change it."

Modi maintained the spirit till late in the evening when he was accompanied by the CMs of the BJP-ruled states to witness Ganga Aarti. All ghats of Varanasi and houses were illuminated with 11 lakh diyas.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes a dip in the Ganga in Varanasi on Monday | PTI

## PM's PROGRAMME

**11 am** — Lands at airport. Leaves straight for Kaal Bhairav temple

**11.40 am** — Arrives at Khirkiya Ghat. Dedicates ghat to people

**11.55 am** — Takes cruise ride in Ganga towards Lalita Ghat

**12 pm** — Takes holy dip in Ganga while chanting shlokas, fetches a 'Kalash' full of Ganga water

**12.30 pm** — Reaches Vishwanath temple

**12.50 pm** — Performs 'Shivarchan'

**1 pm** — Inaugurates Kashi Vishwanath Corridor

**1.15 pm** — Showers construction workers with flower petals

**1.30 pm** — Addresses seers and dignitaries

**2.30 pm** — Joins workers for lunch

**5.30 pm** — PM and CMs of BJP-ruled states take a 'Ro-Ro' boat ride to Dashashwamedh Ghat to witness the Ganga Aarti

PM Modi having lunch with construction workers in Varanasi | PTI

## Showering petals on workers, sharing lunch

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @Lucknow

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi's lunch with construction workers became a highlight of the day he inaugurated the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor in Varanasi. Before inaugurating the function and after performing the *jalabhishek* of Lord Shiva, Modi went to the construction workers and struck a conversation with them on a personal note.

An MP from Varanasi, the PM extended his gratitude to the workers by showering flower petals on them. During his speech in the courtyard of the corridor, the PM made a mention of the efforts of the labourers. "I would also like to thank all my labourer brothers and sisters, who shed their sweat to bring this grand complex to life. Even during the difficult Covid-19 times, they made sure that the work went on. Just now, I had the privilege of meeting them and seeking their blessings," he said.

Afterwards, the PM proceeded to share the dining table with the workers. A simple *desi* lunch was on offer. Nearly 2,500 workers were present at the corridor premises. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also joined the PM and the workers during the lunch which included *daal*, rice, mixed vegetables, *roti* and *papad*.

Political pundits feel the gesture of the PM was significant as it would pay dividends to the BJP in the coming poll battle.

Modi thanked others involved in building the complex. "I also thank artisans, engineers, officials from the district administration, as well as families who had houses on the land on which the corridor was constructed," he said. The PM also congratulated CM Adityanath and the state government.

**IN THE SC**

### *Bengal petition rejected*

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain the West Bengal government's appeal against the Calcutta High Court order granting protection to BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari from arrest in criminal cases filed against him after his switch from the TMC. The court clarified that it would not opine on the merits of the cases. "The observation of the high court prima facie is in support of ad interim stay, we are not inclined to use our special powers under Article 136," the Supreme Court further said.

### *Notice on workers' plea*

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to the Centre on a petition filed by mobile app-based drivers and delivery persons working with Uber, Ola, Swiggy, Zomato, etc. seeking social security and welfare benefits under multiple laws. A Supreme Court bench issued notice in the writ petition filed by the Indian Federation of App Based Transport Workers (IFAT). The petition seeks a declaration that the drivers or delivery workers of mobile app-based firms are actually workmen in the classical sense of the word.

## *TRACKING SMART CITY MISSION*

SURAT, AHMEDABAD, BHOPAL, INDORE, BHUBANESWAR AND MANY OTHER CITIES RECORD MAXIMUM FUND USE

**₹27,359.60** CRORE RELEASED UNDER SMART CITY MISSION (SCM)

**₹22,467.81** CRORE (82%) UTILISED

**LAUNCHED ON 25 JUNE 2015** — PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MISSION EXTENDED TO JUNE 2023

**100** smart cities selected through four rounds of competition from January 2016 to June 2018

**₹2,05,018 CR** proposed by the 100 Smart Cities as part of their Smart City Proposals (SCPs)

**6,452** projects worth ₹1,84,998 crore (90%) tendered

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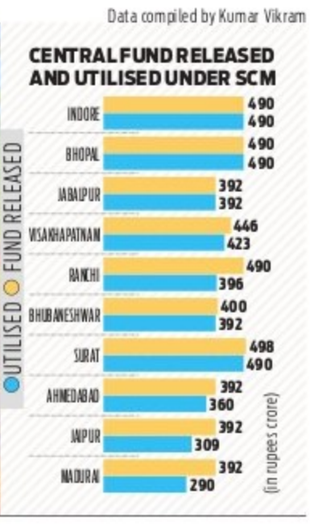
Data compiled by Kumar Vikram




## LS clears NDPS Act amendment amid Oppn protest

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

THE Lok Sabha on Monday passed the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Bill amid the Opposition objecting to the retrospective clause in it.

Reacting to the Opposition, the Centre said the amendments were seeking only to "correct the errors" in the law as pointed out by judiciary.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the Bill doesn't seek to create fresh retrospective criminal liabilities, with the legislation being just "corrective" in nature and without any substantive amendments to the existing law.

The "error" crept in when the NDPS Act was amended in 2014 to allow better medical access to narcotic drugs, and removing state barriers in transporting and licensing of essential narcotic drugs.

Prior to the 2014 amendment, clause (viiia) of Section 2 of the Act, contained subclauses (i) to (v), wherein the term 'illicit traffic' had been defined. This clause was re-lettered as clause (viiib) by the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Act, 2014, as a new clause (viiia) in section 2 defining 'essential narcotic drugs'. However, inadvertently, consequential change was not carried out in section 27A of the NDPS Act, Sitharaman was quoted as saying.

The Opposition MPs had moved a resolution against the introduction and passage of the Bill. BJD MP Bhartruhari Mahatb, who had moved the resolution, insisted on the objection against the retrospective clause. Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury also objected to the retrospective aspects, lamenting that the Act is being used to harass the people.

### *TMC privilege motion on Gogoi*

New Delhi: Two TMC MPs on Monday submitted a notice to move privilege motion against former Chief Justice of India and Rajya Sabha member Ranjan Gogoi over his remarks about attending Parliament, sources said. The notice from Trinamool Congress members Jawhar Sircar and Mausam Noor is yet to be admitted by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. Besides them, several other MPs from various opposition parties are also expected to file notices of privilege motion against Gogoi, the sources said. In an interview to a news channel, Gogoi reportedly said in the wake of Covid curbs and lack of social distancing, he likes to attend Rajya Sabha when he feels like and when he thinks there are matters of importance on which he should speak. Gogoi also purportedly said he is a nominated member, and not governed by any party whip.

**POOR REACTION**

## Fresh bids for central art storage

**PARVEZ SULTAN** @ New Delhi

CONSIDERING the 'unsatisfactory' response to the proposal for creation of a state-of-the-art 'centralised storage' for about 1.95 lakh antiquities and artefacts in possession of the National Museum here, the Union culture ministry is likely to reissue a fresh expression of interest (EoI) to draw up the project outline and conceptual design of the storage facility.

Senior officials privy to the development said only two agencies had sent their bids, which were found to be unsatisfactory. "The response is not up to the mark. We hadn't expected this. We are left with no option but go for the fresh bidding," said an official.

As part of the Central Vista redevelopment project, the museum is proposed to be relocated to the North and South blocks, where only 8,000-10,000 objects will be placed for public viewing. Hence, the government wants to set up a centralised facility, delinking it from the museum, with a customised storage system for different antiquities and artefacts.

The facility, to be built on international standards similar to the repositories in Germany, Hungary, and France, is proposed to be built in the national capital region (NCR) or on the outskirts for which the land is yet to be identified, the officials said.

## Mamata declares 'match' against BJP in Goa

**RICHA SHARMA** @ Panaji

UNTIL recently, Trinamool Congress had no presence in Goa. Now, it is difficult to miss Mamata Banerjee smiling from the hoardings in the coastal state. In the state run by BJP headed for Assembly polls next year, TMC is promising *Goenchi Navi Sakal* (Goa's New Dawn).

Mamata started a two-day trip of the state on Monday. Meetings with editors of media organisations, addressing public gatherings and reaching out to community leaders to induct fresh faces into the party are some of the points on her agenda. This is Mamata's second Goa visit in two months.

Taking a cue from the *'Khela Hobe'* slogan used in West Bengal elections, Mamata said it will be *'Khel Jatlo'* in Goa. "BJP *ke khilaf khela hobe, khel jatlo*, BJP *hatao* (there will be a match against BJP, oust BJP). If anyone wants to defeat BJP, then it's up to them to support us. All these years we did not come to Goa, but we realised no one was fighting against BJP," the TMC supremo said.

BJP has posters with the faces of PM Modi, former Goa CM Manohar Parrikar, Goa CM Pramod Sawant and some prominent leaders. The state is witnessing a mutli-corner protest with Congress, AAP and smaller parties also in the fray.

Congress has had a lot of leaders jumping ship to TMC. There were hardly any posters on display on December 10, when Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was in the city.

Despite all preparations, will TMC be able to open its account in the Assembly that has 40 seats? Many believe the party doesn't have a ground presence. They also feel that publicity may not produce results because when it comes to voting, people prefer a party that can come to power. TMC in Goa is an unknown entity after all. "Mamata *didi* is everywhere in the city on posters, but there are no TMC units at the village and smaller levels. Moreover, many consider it to be an outsider party. We want to vote for our leaders," said Prateek Satardekar, a shop owner here.

People also think that following a rise in the migrant population in Goa, parties are supporting them to boost their vote bank. "People from other states are changing our culture. This is a big issue for us who originally hail from the state," said a taxi driver from Vasco.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in Goa on Monday | PTI

## NCP MLA joins TMC

**SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI** @ Mumbai

OPPOSITION unity has suffered a blow ahead of Assembly elections in five states next year and 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Churchill Alemao, NCP's lone MLA in Goa, on Monday merged the party's state legislative unit with TMC.

The 72-year-old Alemao represents the Benaulim Assembly segment. He said he will formally join TMC in the presence of Mamata Banerjee, who is on a visit to the state.

Alemao met Assembly Speaker Rajesh Patnekar on Monday and informed him that he has merged NCP's Goa legislative wing with TMC. "Why should I resign as MLA? I continue to be an MLA," Alemao said. In the 2017 Goa polls, the Sharad Pawar-led NCP bagged one seat.

NCP's national spokesperson Nawab Malik said Alemao is an opportunist politician who often changes parties before election.

## Missile-assisted torpedo system tested successfully

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

A supersonic missile-assisted torpedo system developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was successfully launched from the Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha on Monday.

The Ministry of Defence issued a statement saying the system is a next generation missile-based standoff torpedo delivery system. "During the mission, full-range capability of the missile was successfully demonstrated. The system has been designed to enhance anti-submarine warfare capability far beyond the conventional range of a torpedo."

The system will extend the range of torpedo as a rocket will be carrying it to the required distance and the torpedo will be launched to the target from there.

"This canister-based missile system consists of advanced technologies and precision inertial navigation. The missile is launched from ground mobile launcher and it can cover a range of distances." the DRDO said in a statement.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the teams involved in the successful test of the missile-assisted torpedo system and said the system is a perfect example of building futuristic defence systems in the country.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Rahul padyatra in Amethi this week

New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi will participate in a padyatra in Amethi (UP) on December 18 as part of nationwide 'Jan Jagran Abhiyan' of the Congress. The campaign aims to "expose the mismanagement of the economy" by the Centre and to raise issues such as inflation.

**ACID ATTACK**

A woman and her mother in Assam's Lakhimpur sustained burn injuries after her husband allegedly threw acid on them, the police said on Monday. "The man poured acid on the duo while they were sleeping," said a police officer.

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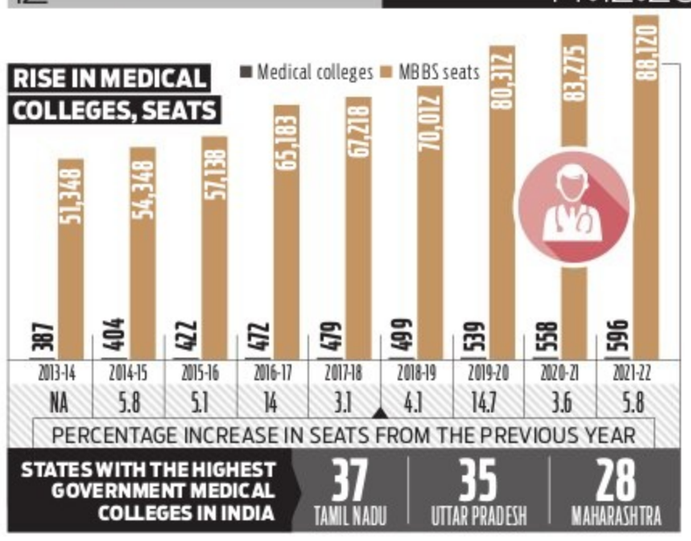


# Central approval to set up 38 more medical colleges

Nearly 6 per cent in number of MBBS seats across the country as compared to last year

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

THE Centre's big push on medical education continues in India, with the government's nod to 38 new medical colleges, including 24 government ones, in the 2021-22 academic session.

Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu benefitted the most this year with nine and seven government medical colleges, respectively.

As compared to 2020-21 when 83,275 MBBS seats were available in India, the number of seats this year also rose to 88,120 — a rise of nearly 6 per cent as compared to the last year.

The number of new colleges permitted this year is the third highest approvals since 2014 when the impetus to raise the number of MBBS seats in the country began. In 2014, there were 404 medical colleges with 54,348 MBBS seats in the country.

"The rise in medical colleges is in line with our aim to provide at least one medical college for every district in India and we are also on track of upgrading many district hospitals into full-fledged medical colleges," said an official in the medical education department of the Union health ministry.

This, he explained, serves the dual purpose of providing secondary and tertiary healthcare services to patients in districts and also raising the patient-doctor ratio in India.

Welcoming the government's focus, senior faculties in premier institutions asserted that the quality of teaching and learning should not be compromised. "Faculty shortage is a major problem in most medical colleges in India. There are reports that not only private institutes but even government colleges are relying on teachers on temporary basis. This does not speak too well about the quality of education in medical colleges," said a senior faculty with the University College of Medical Sciences in New Delhi. "Another major problem is lack of proper infrastructure which has not kept pace with the fast speed of increased seats and that should also be seriously addressed."

**Need to monitor teaching quality**

Welcoming the government's focus, senior faculties in premier institutions asserted that the quality of teaching and learning should not be compromised. Shortage of faculty is a major issue, they added.

# Naga outfits harden stand against the military

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

HARDENING their stand, civil society organisations in Nagaland's Mon district declared that the total restriction on the convoy of Indian military and patrolling within the Konyak soil would continue until justice was delivered to the 14 slain civilians.

"In accordance with the declaration made on December 7, the Konyaks (tribesmen) shall not withdraw their non-cooperation to the military forces until their charter of demands is fulfilled," the organisations said.

According to their fresh "regulations", no military recruitment rally would be allowed within Mon district and no Konyak youth should participate in such rally.

Earlier in the day, the families of the 14 victims of Oting village in Mon district had asserted they would not accept compensation as long as the security personnel responsible for the December 4 killings were not punished and the AFSPA was repealed from the whole of Northeast.

Later, the Naga organisations directed land owners to immediately denounce the past land agreements signed for the setting up of military base camps within Konyak areas. Another regulation is on severing all forms of public relations with the Indian military.

Locals demand repeal of AFSPA in Mon district of Nagaland | PTI

No Konyak village councils, students or any society must accept any forms of developmental packages/sops from the military. Any forms of assured packages/sops from the military forces, if any, must be denounced, the statement said.

The organisations asked the state government to take complete responsibility of the two survivors of December 4 incident who were undergoing treatment in Assam.

The organisations directed the Oting village council to denounce the "commendable certificate" awarded to Oting village by the Centre in 1958 for assisting it in maintaining peace in the region.

Meanwhile, the influential Nagaland Gaon Bura Federation appealed to President Ram Nath Kovind through a memorandum to take some urgent measures for the repeal of the controversial AFSPA.

**LADAKH**

## *Complete bandh to assert demand for statehood*

Srinagar: Ladakh observed complete shutdown on Monday to demand statehood with legislature and constitutional safeguards for the Union Territory and separate Lok Sabha seats for the twin districts of Kargil and Leh. All shops and business establishments in Muslim-majority Kargil and Buddhist-dominated Leh districts remained closed while public transport was off the roads. The roads had a deserted look. Work was affected at government offices. The shutdown call was jointly given by the Leh-based Apex Body of Peoples Movement and Kargil Democratic Alliance. KDA co-chairman Asgar Karbalai said the overwhelming response to the shutdown was a clear message to the Centre that they should not ignore Ladakh and reach out to its people. *ENS*

# TRIBALS GET HOUSES WITH MUD WALLS IN PM SCHEME

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

SEVERAL houses built under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) in a tribal village in Madhya Pradesh have mud walls and thatched roof, contrary to the central scheme's mission to built pucca dwellings for the rural poor. And even for these, some of the beneficiaries alleged they had to grease the palms of local authorities.

Over a dozen houses built under PMAY (G) scheme in Baiga tribe-dominated Gaura Kanhai village of Dindori district do not have concrete terrace/roof. Some of these houses don't have cemented floor and walls either and are made of mud instead.

The Baiga tribe is among the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group in MP.

Chhote Lal Baiga, one of the beneficiaries, said, "The village panchayat secretary told me to build a thatched house due to non-availability of construction material, including sand. I had to pay ₹14,000 as bribe to him and forest department staff for getting funds released to build the house and getting wood for the thatched roof. The panchayat secretary even took away my rooster for the panchayat CEO, and threatened to trap me in litigation otherwise."

To show that his house had been built as a pucca house, the panchayat officials falsely geo-tagged the picture of a house built somewhere else, Chhote Lal further alleged.

Even the village sarpanch's husband, Budh Singh, alleged corruption in the scheme. "Seven beneficiaries, including my brother Prem Singh, have been forced to bribe village panchayat secretary Gend Singh Paraste. My brother had to pay ₹30,000 to get funds released for his house," said Singh.

According to Samnapur tehsildar Girish Dhulekar, "There is no provision of kutcha houses under PMAY(G). Even if *kavelu* (red roof tiles) were used, the walls have to be pucca. The allegations of village panchayat staff taking bribes will be probed."

**PM-CARES FUND**

## HC finds merit in plea seeking name removal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

THE Bombay High Court on Monday sought the response of the Central government to a plea seeking deletion of name and image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the PM CARES Fund and its official website.

A bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and MS Karnik said the plea raises an "important" point and issued notice to the Centre. The PIL was filed by Thane District Congress president Vikrant Chavan, who also sought removal of the national emblem and national flag from the official website of the trust. The PIL stated that displaying these images is a violation of the provisions of the Constitution of India and the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act 2005.

Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh sought two weeks to take instructions on the issue. The court, however, said a reply was required.

The plea specifically sought a direction to the Centre to remove the words 'Prime Minister' from the name PM CARES Fund. The petitioner claims that if the relief prayed for is not granted, then said names and emblems would lose their sanctity and significance.

# Digvijaya invites Kamra, Faruqui to Bhopal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

STAND-UP comedians Kunal Kamra and Munawar Faruqui have been invited by Congress's Rajya Sabha member and former Madhya Pradesh CM Digvijaya Singh to hold programmes in Bhopal.

The two were recently denied permission to hold shows in Bengaluru. Faruqui was not allowed amid protests by right wing Hindu groups. Kamra's show was cancelled following threats to the organisers.

"I will organise a show for Kunal and Munawar in Bhopal. All responsibility will be mine. Only condition is that the subject of comedy will be Digvijaya Singh. Sanghis (RSS cadre) should not object to this!! Don't be afraid!! Give the date and time as per your convenience. All your conditions are accepted," Digvijaya tweeted.

In response, Kamra tweeted, "Sir thank you for the kind invitation. Checking if we have life insurance and getting back to you ASAP."

Reacting to Singh's invite to the two stand-up comedians, ruling BJP MLA from Huzur (Bhopal) and former Pro Tem Speaker of Vidhan Sabha, Rameshwar Sharma said they won't be allowed to perform in the MP capital.

# No 'outsider' campaigners for BJP candidates in Kolkata civic polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

FACING discontent over the roping in of Union ministers and leaders from other states in the Kolkata municipal corporation, the BJP high-command took a U-turn and decided to withdraw such campaigners.

Political observers attribute the BJP's U-turn to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's aggressive pitch of branding the saffron camp as a party of "outsiders" in the run up to the Bengal polls.

Discontent in the state unit spread after the party brass rope in Union ministers and star leaders, including Smriti Irani, Manoj Tiwari and Giriraj Singh, as star campaigners for the Kolkata Municipal Corporation election.

"We opposed the decision because visit of such leaders did not secure any electoral dividend in the recent Assembly polls. Instead, it handed over a political tool to Mamata to attack us. She relentlessly continued branding our party as an outfit of outsiders which resulted consolidation of Bengali electorates against us to some extent," said a BJP leader.

The BJP leadership has decided to engage party functionaries and prominent faces of Bengal to participate in the campaigns. " This is the lowest rung of elections in the existing electoral exercise. The faces of local party functionaries should be roped in. Because, they know the political issues, which may give us dividend, like the back of their hand, not the leaders from Bihar, UP or Bihar," said the leader.

For the Bengal poll, the BJP had fielded heavyweights Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Smriti Irani, and Yogi Adityanath but it did not help the party.

Senior BJP leader Dilip Ghosh campaigns for a party candidate in Kolkata | PTI

**INNOVATION**

## Go for natural farming: Modi to Guj farmers

AHMEDABAD: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday appealed to farmers in Gujarat to adopt natural farming techniques to serve Mother Earth.

In a recorded video address at the foundation stone laying ceremony of the temple of Kadva Patidar community, Modi stated that the push for higher yield in a short span of time has forced farmers to use fertilizers and chemicals, which has caused degradation of soil quality.

"I request you not to forget Mother Earth while you serve Maa Umiya. The children of Maa Umiya have no right to forget Mother Earth. For us, both are the same. I request you to take a pledge in the presence of Maa Umiya that you will take north Gujarat towards natural farming," Modi said. Natural farming also means zero-budget farming, he said. *ENS*

# Controversial query axed, students will get full marks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

FOLLOWING widespread outrage over a comprehension passage in the Class X English examination held on December 11, which allegedly promoted gender stereotyping and regressive notions, the CBSE on Monday decided to drop the question and award full marks to students. The board also decided to set up an experts panel to strengthen the question paper setting processes.

The passage, which had gone viral on social media, had sentences such as the "emancipation of the wife destroyed the parent's authority over the children" and "it was only by accepting her husband's way that a mother could gain obedience of the younger ones".

Another part read, "Women gaining independence is the main reason for a wide variety of social and family problems" and if "wives stops obeying their husbands, that is the main reason children and servants are indisciplined".

Following sharp reactions from various quarters, the CBSE issued a statement saying the passage was in violation of its guidelines. "A passage in one set of the English language and literature paper of CBSE class X first term examination held on 11th December 2021 is not in accordance with the guidelines of the board with regard to setting of question papers," it said.

Raising the issue in Parliament, Congress president Sonia Gandhi called the passage "blatantly misogynistic" and "condemnable".

**EXPRESS READ**

### Maha gets pat for Covid handling

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court on Monday said the state of Maharashtra was "one of the pioneers" in successfully tackling the crisis that arose following of the Covid pandemic. Referring to the deadly second wave of Covid, the high court expressed hope the next year would bring a new beginning and that people will never see a repeat of April 2021. "Let us forget about the dark days. But, we must not let our guard down. We hope the New Year brings in a new beginning and we never see a repeat of April 2021," it said.

Temperature check of a train commuter in Mumbai on Monday | PTI

### IIT to head NW-1 navigation channel development

Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, signed an MoU with Inland Waterway Authority of India (IWAI), to carry out a project on stabilisation of navigational channel at 17 locations along the Ganga from Varanasi to Sahibganj. Under the project, the IIT will carry out channel stabilisation (river training) works for development and capacity augmentation of the National Waterway-1 following eco-friendly techniques. The work would help prevent shifting of deeper channel, siltation in formation of secondary channels, erosion of banks, etc affecting the depth of flow in the main navigable channel.

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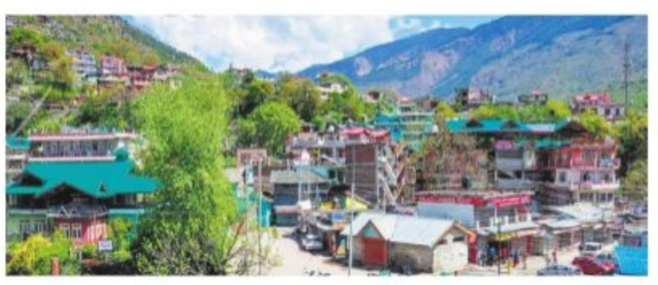
**DEHRADUN DIARY**

### RTI reveals unutilised MPLAD fund runs into crores

With imposition of moral code of conduct less than a month away in Uttarakhand, an RTI reply revealed that MPs from the hill state have not been able to utilise a major chunk of their MPLAD funds till September this year. The five Lok Sabha MPs and two Rajya Sabha MPs in question have total of `35.34 crore in unutilised funds. This is the situation when allocation of MPLAD funds were cancelled for financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22 due to Covid pandemic. MPLAD funds, worth `5 crore per year paid in two installments, can be utilised anywhere in the constituency of an elected MP. The hill state has total eight MPs in the lower house and three in the upper house of the Parliament. Interestingly, former Uttarakhand CM and MP from Pauri, Tirath Singh Rawat, is yet to spent 82 per cent of his MPLAD allocation.



### Government decision on land law likely soon

After announcement to repeal Char Dham law, Uttarakhand state government is soon likely to take a decision on land law. The state government is already studying aspects of land law of Himachal Pradesh to make a land law to prevent indiscriminate buying and selling in Uttarakhand. A three-member committee has already been constituted by the state government which will submit its report based on which the government will decide further on the matter. This comes after netizens and youth of the state have started a movement asking for restrictions on land purchase in the hill state for outsiders.

### Letterhead misuse: CM's PRO removed

An official of the Uttarakhand Chief Minister's Office (CMO) has been dismissed for allegedly writing to the district police chief of Bageshwar asking him to release four trucks seized for carrying illegal mining material. The action against Nandan Singh Bisht, PR officer for the chief minister came after the letter written by him on the official letterhead went viral on social media platforms. The police had seized four trucks filled with soapstone on suspicion that the material was extracted from illegal mining. Following this, the official wrote to the Bageshwar SP, asking him to release the seized trucks.

**1 KILLED**

and at least 13 others were injured Sunday night in a drive-by shooting during a vigil near Houston

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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| Beijing | 11 | -2 | HR | Los Angeles | 23 | 11 | SNY |
| Colombo | 29 | 24 | TDS | Melbourne | 23 | 16 | LR |
| Dhaka | 31 | 24 | TDS | Moscow | -2 | -7 | LR |
| Dubai | 32 | 26 | SNY | New York | 7 | -1 | SNY |
| Houston | 21 | 15 | SNY | Singapore | 31 | 25 | LC |
| Istanbul | 15 | 10 | SNY | Toronto | 3 | 0 | LC |
| London | 8 | 3 | LC | Washington | 7 | -2 | LC |

# LANKAN PRESIDENT SUSPENDS HOUSE IN SURPRISE MOVE

## Gotabaya Rajapaksa dashes off to Singapore on unscheduled visit hours later

**COLOMBO**

IN an unusual move, Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has prorogued Parliament for one week and left for Singapore on an unscheduled visit.

There was no immediate comment from the government on Rajapaksa's decision to suspend Parliament for a week.

Parliament, which ended its sessions on Friday, was originally set to convene on January 11. It will now convene on January 18. President Rajapaksa, through an extraordinary gazette notification dated December 12, suspended the assembly.

"I do by this proclamation prorogue Parliament with effect from midnight of the Twelfth day of December, Two Thousand and Twenty One and hereby fix the Eighteenth day of January Two Thousand and Twenty Two at 10 am for the commencement of the next session and summon parliament to meet..." the gazette notification read.

Hours after proroguing Parliament, Gotabaya, 72, left for Singapore on an unscheduled visit. Presidential officials said that he was on a private visit, believed to be for medical purposes.

Two key issues billed for discussions during Monday's Cabinet meeting would not be taken up, energy minister Udaya Gammanpila told reporters.

The weekly Cabinet meeting was to discuss the possibility of Sri Lanka going for a bailout package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in view of the severe foreign currency crisis.

Sri Lanka's foreign reserves have slipped to the lower level to suffice only a month's imports.

The Cabinet was also scheduled to discuss a controversial power deal with a US power company for which the government allies had expressed vehement opposition.

**REPORT**

# 'Big dip in China's BRI investments in Africa'

**BEIJING**

INVESTMENTS in China's much-touted Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) have fallen by 54 per cent since 2019 and Beijing is no longer doling out hard cash for projects in Africa, amid criticism over infrastructure debt and loan defaults, according to a think-tank report.

The BRI is a multi-billion-dollar initiative launched by Chinese President Xi Jinping when he came to power in 2013. It aims to link Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Gulf region, Africa and Europe with a network of land and sea routes. Xi launched BRI to undertake big infrastructure projects in the world which in turn would also enhance Beijing's global influence.

According to China-based think-tank Green BRI, which analyses the global infrastructure initiative, belt and road investments last year were at their lowest since the programme was unveiled in 2013. Beijing's multibillion-dollar BRI has seen its investments in the 138 participating countries slide 54 per cent from 2019 to USD 47 billion last year, it said.

Scuppered deals and the Covid-19 pandemic contributed to the fall, but Beijing has also adopted a more cautious approach to the development of these overseas projects, the Hong Kong-based *South China Morning Post* reported on Monday.

China is rebranding its BRI after US President Joe Biden launched the Build Back Better World (B3W) during the June G-7 summit, with the goal of creating "a values-driven, high-standard and transparent infrastructure partnership" to help finance projects in developing countries.

The European Union too has recently launched a USD 340 billion new Global Gateway initiative to compete with the BRI. Significantly in Africa, where China has expanded its influence with massive investments since 2013, Beijing is no longer providing hard-cash as debt hit Africa battled COVID-19 disruptions, another report in the Post said.

In the last month's 8th Ministerial Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), President Xi offered a slew of incentives, including one billion Covid-19 vaccines, waiver of debt and creation of eight lakh jobs but did not offer big cash incentives like in the past.

At the 2018 FOCAC in Beijing, Xi promised USD15 billion in grants and interest-free loans out of the total USD 60 billion in financing offered by China. This time around, there was none of that, the Post report said. An official paper on China-Africa cooperation released here said 45 per cent of the RMB 270 billion (around USD 42 billion) China's foreign aid from 2013 to 2018 went to African countries in the form of grants, interest-free loans and concessional loans.

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**EXPRESS READ**

### HK tycoon given 13 months jail for Tiananmen vigil

Hong Kong: A Hong Kong court on Monday sentenced activist and business tycoon Jimmy Lai to 13 months in jail for urging participation in last year's banned Tiananmen vigil, amid a crackdown by Chinese authorities that has rolled back the semi-autonomous city's civil liberties. The District Court convicted seven others on similar charges and handed out sentences of up to 14 months. Hong Kong's government has banned the candlelight vigil for two years on pandemic control grounds.

Kamala Harris

## US announces investments to stop migration

**WASHINGTON**

US Vice President Kamala Harris on Monday announced $1.2 billion in commitments from international businesses to support the economies and social infrastructure of Central American nations, as she works to address what the White House terms the "root causes" of migration to the United States.

Harris was tapped in March by President Joe Biden to work to counter the social, economic and political forces that drive migrants and asylum seekers to the US, including many who cross the US-Mexico border illegally.


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**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in)**

PUB/0885

CAO (Construction), S.C.Railway, Secunderabad invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

**S.No.** 01 **NIT :** 35-CAO-C-SC- 2021 Date:02.12.2021 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organisation - Manoharabad-Kothapalli new BG line - I. Proposed Construction of Major Bridges with open foundations between Gajwel and Siddipet Stations. a) Bridge No.147/A at Ch:61300.00m proposed as 1 x 18.30m PSC Girder with deck slab between Gajwel and Duddeda Stations. b) Bridge No.168 at Ch:72020.00m proposed as 1 x 4.50m x 4.50m RCC Box + 1 x 18.30m PSC Girder with deck slab + 1 x 4.50m x 4.50m RCC Box between Duddeda and Siddipet Stations. c) Bridge No.170 at Ch:73025.00m proposed as 4 x 18.30m PSC Girder with deck slab over major vagu between Duddeda and Siddipet Stations. II. Proposed Construction of Four (04) Road over Bridges (ROBs) between Duddeda and Siddipet Stations. a) ROB No.153 (Two Lane) at Ch. 65170.00m as 1x35.00m PSC Girder with Deck Slab between Duddeda and Siddipet stations. b) ROB No.156 (Two Lane) at Ch. 66780.00m as 1x24.00m PSC Girder with Deck Slab between Duddeda and Siddipet stations. c) ROB No.164 (Two Lane) at Ch. 70120.00m as 1x24.00m PSC Girder with Deck Slab between Duddeda and Siddipet stations. d) ROB No.167 (Four Lane) at Ch. 71480.00m as 1x16.00m PSC Girder with Deck Slab + 1x40.00m PSC Girder with Deck Slab + 1x16.00m PSC Girder with Deck Slab between Duddeda and Siddipet stations. III. Proposed construction of Road Under Bridge with open foundations, Bridge No. 178 (RUB) at Ch: 76780.00m proposed as 2 x 12.00m x 6.00m RCC Box over Rajeev Rahadari (Karimnagar Highway) between Siddipet and Sircilla Stations. **Estimated Cost (₹) :** 61,21,73,470.57/- **EMD (₹) :** 0.00/- **Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve Months) **Date of Opening:** 29.12.2021 at 15.00 hrs.

**S.No.** 02 **NIT :** 36-CAO-C-SC- 2021 Date:07.12.2021 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organisation - Doubling of track between Guntur-Guntakal section - Proposed construction of (i) Important Br.223 (Kundu river) - 14x18.30m PSC girders with open foundation, (ii) Major Br.Nos.222 - 2x12.20m PSC slabs, Br.221 - 5x18.30m PSC girders, Br.220 - 2x12.20m PSC slabs with pile foundation, (iii) Major Br.Nos.219 - 3x6.10m PSC slabs, Br.217 - 5x6.10m PSC slabs, Br.215 - 4x6.10m PSC slabs, Br.210 - 9x6.10m PSC slabs & Br.204 - 2x12.20m PSC slabs with open foundation, (iv) Major Br.No.207 - 4x12.20m PSC slabs with well foundation and (v) construction of Super structures for major bridges/ minor bridges with PSC girders/ slabs of varying spans of 12.20m, 9.15m, 6.10m, 4.57m & 3.05m, including earthwork in approaches, casting, transporting & launching of PSC girders/ slabs with ballast retainers for important/ major/ minor bridges, protective works and other miscellaneous works between Guntakal-Maddikera stations & Dhone-Nandyal stations. **Estimated Cost (₹) :** 49,49,01,692.22/- **EMD (₹) :** 0.00/- **Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve Months) **Date of Opening:** 31.12.2021 at 15.00 hrs.

**S.No.** 03 **NIT :** 37-CAO-C-SC- 2021 Date:07.12.2021 **Name of work:** SCR Construction Organisation - Secunderabad Division - Kazipet-Vijayawada Section - Proposed third line with Electrification between Kazipet-Kondapalli stations - Earth work in formation including blanketing to latest RDSO specifications, Construction/Extension of minor bridges, Road Under Bridges, formation of approach roads and other connected miscellaneous works including clearing S&T obstructions from Km.542 to Km.520 between Errupalem (excluding) and Motumarri (including) stations - Reach-II. **Estimated Cost (₹) :** 46,36,91,450.56/- **EMD (₹) :** 0.00/- **Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve Months) **Date of Opening:** 31.12.2021 at 15.00 hrs.

**S.No.** 04 **NIT :** 38-CAO-C-SC- 2021 Date:08.12.2021 **Name of work:** SCR Construction organization - Proposed construction of Superstructure duly supplying, fabricating and erecting/launching of Open Web welded/riveted/bolted steel girders (OWG) over already constructed bridge sub-structure upto bed block. Sub Work 1): Major Br.No.714 constructed for proposed third Line between KZJ-KI stations as 4x45.70 m clear span at Km.526.681 between Motumarri & Madhira Stations. Sub Work 2): I) Construction of Br No. 784-B at ch.4348m as 2x91.40 m OWG steel girders & ii) Construction of Br No. 8-B at Ch.18722m as 1x91.40 m OWG steel girder including bridge approach earthwork and other connected misc. works between Rayanapadu & Mustabad stations for Bye-pass line connecting BZA-VSKP line & BZA-KZJ line. **Estimated Cost (₹) :** 46,59,22,688.74/- **EMD (₹) :** 0.00/- **Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve Months) **Date of Opening:** 31.12.2021 at 15.00 hrs.

1. For bid document and other details, please login to website **https://ireps.gov.in.**
2. The above tenders are exempted from Earnest Money Deposit. Hence, bid documents to be submitted as per the format given in the documents of the schedule. It is mandatory document.
3. Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.
4. Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

**Chief Administrative Officer/ Const./Secunderabad**



email -serv_ctc@yahoo.com

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**
**RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, CUTTACK**

**No. Tender Online RWC - 25/21 O-1325** Letter NO.-3613 Date :-.09.12.2021

**e-Procurement NOTICE**

1. Name of the work : Construction of 6 nos 'E' Type Quarter of Rural works division office Cuttack at A.G Colony 2021-22
2. Class of Contractor : **B & A** Class contractor
3. Time for Completion : As specified in the **Column-5 of the Annexure**
4. Detail Projects : **As per Annexure attached**
5. Other Details :

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No. | Availability of Tender on-line for bidding | | Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification | Date & Time of opening of tender | |
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| | | From | To | | Technical Bid | Financial Bid |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack | Tender Online RWC-25 / 21 | 14.12.2021 at 11.30A.M. | 23.12.2021 to 05.00 P.M. | 22.12.2021 up to 02.00 P.M. | 24.12.2021 at 11.30 A.M. | Will be intimated later on |

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

**Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer**
**Rural Works Circle, Cuttack**

OIPR- 25097/11/0029/2122



**THE TAMILNADU COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED**
**AAVIN**
AAVIN ILLAM, 3-A, Pasumpon Muthuramalinganar Salai, (Chamiers Road), Nandanam, Chennai- 600 035.
Telephone : 044-23464500, Fax : 044-23464505, E-mail: aavindgmeng@yahoo.co.in

Ref.No: 12812/Proj.1/2021 **TENDER NOTICE** Dated : 12.12.2021

The TCMPF Ltd., invites **TWO PART TENDERS** by way of **OFF LINE / E-SUBMISSION** from the Reputed manufacturers / suppliers for supply, erection and commissioning of following work / item for Metro Dairies of TCMPF / Various Dairies of District unions under NADP Scheme for the year 2021-22 / Federation funds.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Item / Work | Pre-bid Meeting | Last Date of Submission | Technical Bid Opening |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Supply, Installation and Testing of Milk Analyzer with Stirrer - 453 Nos. for selected MPCS of various DCMPU Ltd., under NADP Scheme for the Year 2021 - 2022. | 24.12.2021 at 11.30 AM | 18.01.2022 up to 02.00 PM | 18.01.2022 at 02.15 PM |
| 2 | Supply, Erection and Commissioning of Milk Can Cooler - 40 Nos. with Accessories for selected MPCS of various DCMPU Ltd., under NADP Scheme for the Year 2021-22 | 24.12.2021 at 11.30 AM | 04.01.2022 up to 02.00 PM | 04.01.2022 at 02.15 PM |
| 3 | Supply, Erection and Commissioning of 20 KLPH RO Plant along with Necessary Pipeline and Fittings for Sholinganallur Dairy | | | |
| 4 | Supply and Laying of SS 304 Grade Piping for RO Water to Refrigeration, Processing & Boiler and Industrial type UPVC Pipeline for Distribution of Rejected Water to all the Section for General Cleaning, Toilet Flushing etc., for Sholinganallur Dairy | | | |

Tender Document sale between **16.12.2021** to **17.01.2022 (for item Sl.No. 1) and 16.12.2021 to 03.01.2022 (for item Sl.No. 2 to 4) from 11.00 am to 03.00 pm.,** Cost - Rs. 2,000.00 + 18% GST and Rs. 100.00 extra by post. For downloading tender documents, EMD and other details, refer website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and **www.aavinmilk.com** for **off line** / **www.tntenders.gov.in** for **E-submission.** Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost.

DIPR/ 4014 /TENDER/ 2021 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

" சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம் "



**TENDER NOTICE No.123/2021 Dt.10.12.2021**
**SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS**
**e-Procurement Tender Notice**

PUB/0882

The following tenders have been floated online. Tenderers are requested to visit the website **www.ireps.gov.in** and submit their offers online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website. Offers submitted manually will not be accepted. Offers by post will not be entertained. Tender Closing time is 14.30 hrs of the Due date of the Tender. "For all indigenous offers, EMD will be accepted only via online system as available on **www.ireps.gov.in.**"

**Tender No.:** 77.21.1065 **Brief Description:** Paint Enamel Synthetic Exterior **Due Date:** 21.12.2021

**Tender No.:** LH216043A **Brief Description:** Roof Mounted AC Package **Due Date:** 28.12.2021

**Tender No.:** 77.21.1024 **Brief Description:** Paint Synthetic Enamel **Due Date:** 03.01.2022

**Tender No.:** 29.21.1149 **Brief Description:** Gasket Overhauling Kit **Due Date:** 03.01.2022

**Tender No.:** 45.21.1006A **Brief Description:** Battery for TRD-Lead Acid **Due Date:** 04.01.2022

**Tender No.:** 33.21.1384A **Brief Description:** Spring Pot (MACHINED FROM SEAMLESS TUBE) **Due Date:** 04.01.2022

**Corrigendum**

**Tender Notice No.120/2021 dt.19.11.2021**

Tender No.33.21.1330 (Non-Asbestos Based) Due on 14.12.2021 The tender due Dt. may be read as **21.12.2021.** instead of existing

Beside above mentioned tenders there are other tenders having value below Rs.25 lakhs. For details, please visit Railway website above.

**Principal Chief Materials Manager/Secunderabad**

**Tender Notice No.C/E.221/ELS/ KZJ/2021-22/184 Dt.07.12.2021**

PUB/0884

e-tenders from the experienced contractors are invited by the undersigned for the following work.

**S.No.** 01 **Tender No.:** C/E.221/ELS/KZJ/2021-22/184 Dt.07.12.2021 (e-Tender no.ELS-KZJ-184-07-12-2021) **Name of the work:** Annual Maintenance contract of Repair / Reconditioning / Overhauling of Main compressors of ELGI make TRC 1000MN & TRC 1000MN UG for WAG-7 locos of Electric Loco Shed, Kazipet (166nos.) & Diesel Loco shed, Kazipet (161 nos.) for a period of 2 years, Qty-327 nos. (236 Normal & 91-Upgraded) **Tender Value in (₹) :** 3,04,07,450/- (Including GST) **EMD in (₹) :** Nil/- **Cost of tender Document in (₹) :** Nil/- **Completion Period:** Two Years / At Firm's premises

1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.
2. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit cost of tender form & EMD through online payment only.
3. All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offers.
4. GST is included in schedule items. However, bill payment is after submission of document evidence for GST payment.

Submission of tender document: Through IREPS website at **www.irepsg.gov.in**

**Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer,ELS,Kazipet**

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**For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in**


# CLASSIFIEDS

## PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, **RAJESHKUMAR RAJAPPAN,** S/o Rajappan Nair, R/at No. 007, Mythri Maiden, Somasundarapalya, HSR Layout 2nd Stage Extension, Bangalore-560 102 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAJAPPAN NAIR RAJESHKUMAR** to **RAJESHKUMAR RAJAPPAN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAJESHKUMAR RAJAPPAN** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13-12-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S. NAGARAJA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **SREEVIDYA KARANAM**, Aged about 33 years, Residing at No. 1124, 3rd Main, 2nd Block, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560 097, hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **BANNY** to **LAKSHITH** in future for all practical purpose. Vide affidavit dated 13.12.2021 sworn to before R.S. Vijay, Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **DHANALAKSHMI MALLIKARJUNA SALIMATH** R/at No.316, 4th B Cross, HRBR Layout 3rd Block, Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to **DHANALAKSHMI MAHESHWARAN** vide affidavit dated:09/12/2021 Before Notary **C.Sharada** Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, DEEPALI SUBHANA BOSALE** Spouse of No 161230371F NK Pawar Shivaji Jothiram, Desairatti (Vill), Athani (Tk), Desairhatti (Post), Belgaum (Dist), Karnataka (State), PIN :591230 have changed my name from **DEEPALI SUBHANA BOSALE** to **DEEPALI SHIVAJI PAWAR** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.11.2021 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, (OLD NAME) SUPRAJA,** residing at No. 2, 190/2, M Ravi Fish Stall, Banaswadi Main Road, Maruthi Seva Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560033, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SUPRAJA** to **(NEW NAME) A SUPRAJA** vide affidavit Dated 03/12/2021 sworn before Notary B.Seshagiri, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **VARNIKA .S.S,** D/o S.O. Srinivas Reddy, age 20 years, R/at No. 71/2, 1st Main Road, Near Srirama Temple, Sorahunase, Varthur, Bengaluru-560 087 hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Viharika Neha Reddy D/o Nithish Sagar Reddy** and **Usha Sree Reddy** instead of **Varnika S.S. D/o S.O. Srinivas Reddy** and **Prema .J.M** pursuant to the judgement and decree dated 31st of August 2021 in OS No. 407 of 2017 passed by **Sri Chandraiah .B.P,** Prl. Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **NISHANT RAWTANI** S/o **Arun Rawtani** Aged about 29 Years, R/at No.D-701, Aishwarya Lake View Residency, 6th Cross, Kaggadasapura, Bengaluru-560093, have changed my name to **NISHANT A RAWTANI** vide affidavit dated:13/12/2021 before notary **A.R.Muneer Ahmed** Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **GUFRAN AHMAD** R/at No.11/A, Nagavara, Ayesha Masjid Street, Thanisandra Main Road, Bangalore-560045, have changed my name to **GUFRAN AHMED** vide affidavit dated:09/12/2021 before notary **C.Sharada** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, SERVICE NO 16123436 P** NK SADASHIV .H. TELI OF UNIT 62 FD COY, 8 ENGR REGT, C/O 99 APO, PIN: 914008, have changed my Father name from **HANAMANT** to **HANAMANT TELI** and Mother name from **NEELAVVA** to **NILAVVA TELI** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.12.2021 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **Subhash Ganesan,** aged about 49 years, s/o P. V. Ganesan, residing at L-701, Brigade Gateway, Dr.Rajkumar Road, Malleshwaram West, Bangalore – 560055 state that the correct name and spelling of my second daughter is **Anagha Subhash** and I have sworn to an affidavit dated 13.12.2021 in this regard before a Notary Public at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **K.C. SATYA PRAKASH @ K.C. GURU MURTHY @ K.C. GURU,** S/o. K.B. Chikkaiah, Aged about 55 years, residing at No. 126, 7th 'B' Main Road, 4th Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560 079, hereby declare that **K.C. SATYA PRAKASH** or **K.C. GURU MURTHY** or **K.C. GURU** all the names are one and the same person, belongs to me only. I use to sign like **K.C. GURU MURTHY** only. Vide affidavit dated 08.12.2021 sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **SHALINE GANOTRA** W/o **Shah Nawaz Nazir Bhat,** R/at Gayathri Good Life, F.No.113, East Block, Seegehalli, Whitefield, Bangalore- 560067, have changed my name to **SHALINI GANOTRA** vide affidavit dated: 08/12/2021 Before Notary **Ganesh Gowda M.V** Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, R Vijayalakshmi, W/O Brig S Ramakrishnan retd, Also Known as Vijayalakshmi, R/O 002, Friends Paradise, E Block, Sahakarnagar Bangalore-560092, state that my correct name is **R VIJAYALAKSHMI** declared vide Affidavit dated 11.12.2021 sworn before Notary LB Anasuyamma Bangalore-13

**DECLARATION**

**I, SERVICE NO 16123436P NK** SADASHIV .H. TELI, OF UNIT 62 FD COY, 8 ENGR REGT, C/O 99 APO, PIN: 914008, have changed my Father name **HANAMANT TELI** Date of Birth from **01.04.1970** to **01.01.1973** Vide Affidavit Dated 06.12.2021 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, YATIN VENKANAGOUDA PATIL** S/o Mr. Venkanagouda R/o : No. 46, Self Finance Scheme 407, 4th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064 have changed my name from YATIN VENKANAGOUDA PATIL to YATHIN VENKANAGOUDA PATIL vide Affidavit dated 13-12-2021 sworn to before Notary Public G.P. CHAYA, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **ROSHNI VISHNU LALWANI,** resident of # House No. 10, 4th Cross, SR Layout, Murugesh Palya, Bangalore, State : Karnataka, PIN : 560017, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ROSHNI LALWANI** to **ROSHNI VISHNU LALWANI** vide affidavit dated 7.12.2021 sworn to before D.K. Prakash, Notary Public, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **MOHAMMED SAIF SAIT,** S/o **Mutha Ajayakka Sait,** R/at No.1470, 4th Cross Corporation Colony Govindaraj Nagar Bangalore- 560079 have changed my name to **SAIF MUTHA SAIT** vide affidavit dated:12/12/2021 Before Notary **H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, NANDINI NAGARAJ Resident of No. 212, 5th Main Road, Ambedkar Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092 have changed my name to **NANDINI** vide Affidavit dated 13.12.2021, sworn to before Notary S. Ramesh, Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, (OLD NAME) RAYMOND ANTHONY DOMINIC,** residing at No. 97/3, Ground Floor, Ave Maria, Arogyappa Road, Near Agnes Apartment, Kammanahalli, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru-560084, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RAYMOND ANTHONY DOMINIC** to **(NEW NAME) RAYMOND.D** vide affidavit Dated 03/12/2021 sworn before Notary B.Seshagiri, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Nemish Kothari, S/o Late Sri Ramniklal C Kothari, R/o 135, 47th Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 10, am also known as Nayan Kothari, Nayan Kumar R Kothari, and Nayan R Kothari Vide Affidavit No.560 page 64, Volume 1, dated 29.7.2017 have changed my name to **Nayan R Kothari**

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **VARALAKSHMI S** D/o. Shankar, Aged about 21 years, residing at No. 120, 5th E Cross, 5th Main, Bhovi Colony, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore - 560 079, I hereby state that **VARALAKSHMI S.** and **VAANYA S NAIK** both the names are one and the same person belongs to me only. Now I have changed my name to **VAANYA S NAIK.** Vide affidavit dated 09.12.2021 sworn to before Shreeshail B. Gobbani, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **PRIYADARSHINI.D** R/at No.10, Ground Floor, Reddy Street, Roshini Gardens, Margondanahalli, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru - 560036, have changed my name to **PRIYA.D** vide affidavit dated:26/11/2021 Before Notary **B.M.Chandrashekar** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, **DEVI GARTHI,** aged about 41 years, W/o, Service No. 6488217H, Rank: Ex SEP, Name: Om Bahadur Garthi, Residing at No.68/1, Palm Meadows, Phase-1, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066, have changed my name from **DEVI GARTHY** (Old Name) to **DEVI GARTHI** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 07-12-2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, T.PRIYADARSHINI,** residing at No. 93, Priya Cottage, Nethravathi Road, Near Ganesha Temple Road, Udayanagar, Doorvani Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560016, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **(OLD NAME) T.RACHEL** to **(NEW NAME) T. RACHEL JARUSHA DASS** vide affidavit Dated 13/12/2021 sworn before Notary B.Seshagiri, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, CHAITHNAYA SAMPATH N.S. / CHAITHANYA SAMPATH N.S, aged about 38 years, resident of A005, BEL White Square Apartment, 7th Main, BEL Layout, 4th Block, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097 have changed my name to CHAITHANNYA N.S** Vide affidavit dated 13-12-2021 sworn before notary G.S. Susheela, Bengaluru

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The General Public is hereby notified that my clients Smt. Padma, Sri. Raju.M., and Sri. Arun Kumar. M., Residing at No. 53, 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, Bairaveshwaranagar, Laggere, Peenya Post, Bangalore 560 058, are the owners of the property described in the Schedule hereunder.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within eight days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my clients and would not be considered by my client

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing vacant Site no. 04, Assessment no. 78/13, BBMP Form-B Khatha Registrar no.10901, Situated at DODDABIDARKALLU VILLAGE, Yeshwantha puraHobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently comes under the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward no. 40, Site measuring East to West: 30-00 feet and North to South 36-00 feet, totally measuring 1080 Sq., ft., and bounded on the:

AND BOUNDED ON:

East by : Site no. 03, belongs to Sri. Venkatesh. N;
West by : Site no. 05, belongs to Sri. Hanumantharayappa;
North by : Road;
South by : Others Property.

Bangalore
Dated: 13/12/2021
MALLIKA.B Advocate
No. 203, 2nd Floor,
Saraswathipuram Main Road,
Nandinilayout, Bangalore- 560 096.
Ph: 9742658187

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to General Public that my client, Sri. E. V. Chandrashekar S/o. Late Sri. Veerappa, residing at Eswarahalli, Eswarahalli Post Chickmagalore Post, Chickmagalore Taluk, Chick magalore District has lost the last two pages of the original Sale deed dated 21/04/1999, executed by Smt. R. Revathi W/o. Sri. R. Appaji, in favour of Sri. E. V. Chandrashekar S/o. Late. Sri. Veerappa, registered as document no. 829/1999-2000, on 19/05/1999, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, related to schedule mentioned below and the same is not traceable. If found inform to Smt. B. Mallika, Advocate, No.203 2nd floor, Saraswathipuram Main Road, Nandini layout, Bangalore- 560 096, within eight days from the date of publication.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House List no. 51, Khatha no. 259, comes under the limits of Bagalagunte Group Panchayath, Situated at DODDABIDARAKALLU VILLAGE, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Site measuring East to West: 30-00 feet and North to South: 40-00 feet, in all measuring 1200 Sq., ft., and bounded on the :

East by : Property No. 50;
West by : Property No. 52;
North by : Property No. 42;
South by : 30-00 feet Road.

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**Market Watch**

| MARKET | | | GOLD | | | SILVER | | | FOREX | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 503.25 ▼ | Sensex | 58,283.42 | ₹37.4 ▲ | 24 carat (1 gm) | ₹4,819.0 | ₹776 ▲ | Per kg | ₹60,931 | ▲ | Dollar | 75.74 |
| 143.05 ▼ | Nifty | 17,368.25 | ₹37.2 ▲ | 22 carat (1 gm) | ₹4,799.7 | ₹0.776 ▲ | Per gm | ₹60.931 | ▲ | Euro | 85.42 |



# Retail inflation inches up to 4.91% in November

May touch 6% on commodity price, unfavourable base, say experts

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| 1.87% | 6.1% | 4.48% | 6.93% |
|---|---|---|---|
| Food inflation | Core inflation | CPI (in Oct 2021) | CPI (in nov 2020) |

DESPITE the excise duty cut on fuel and favourable base effect, India's retail inflation in the month of November rose to 4.91%, on account of high core (non-food, non-fuel) inflation. And while it is staying within the RBI's target range for a fifth consecutive month, the central bank had already warned that inflation print will remain higher over the rest of the year as base effects turn adverse.

The consumer price inflation (CPI) was 4.48% in October and 6.93% in Nov 2020. According to data released by the statistics ministry on Monday, food inflation was at 1.87% in November this year compared to 0.85% in the preceding month. Core inflation, which is the non-food non-fuel component of the CPI basket, stood at 6.1% against 5.8% seen in the month before.

Last week, RBI had kept the benchmark rates unchanged at 4% with its accommodative stance in the backdrop of concerns over the new coronavirus variant Omicron, with a warning that price pressures may persist in the near-term.

Experts claim that further rise in commodity prices, unfavourable base will keep inflation closer to the outer limit of 6%, and said while RBI has managed to maintain its accommodate stance for nine times in a row, it may change its stance by next year.

"While the evolving FY average is close to the central bank's projection, Dec 2021 and Jan-Mar '22 trends are likely to test above official forecasts as pipeline pressures filter through, for instance price adjustments by producers as margin pressures surface, and telecom price hikes, just as base effects turn adverse," said Radhika Rao, economist, DBS Bank, Singapore.

M Govinda Rao, Chief Economic Adviser at Brickwork Ratings, said, "With the prices of food items showing a steep rise due to unseasonal rains, and higher transportation cost and a shortage of chips affecting the manufacturing sector, the price situation requires close monitoring".

# Yet to pick PSBs for privatisation: FM

**ANURADHA SHUKLA** @ New Delhi

THE Centre is yet to shortlist the name of two public sector banks (PSBs) that are likely to be privatised in FY22 and sources said the government is waiting for third quarter results, before finalising names.

Finance minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman had announced that two public sector banks (PSBs) would be privatised in FY21-22, apart from the IDBI Bank. There were speculations that the Centre has shortlisted the Central Bank of India (CBI) and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), but the finance ministry sources said that no names final yet.

"The names are yet to be finalised. While the second quarter result was good, with many PSBs coming out of the prompt corrective action, it would be more prudent to watch for one more quarter," a senior official from the finance ministry told *TNIE*.

"Consideration of various issues related to disinvestment, which, inter alia, include the selection of the banks, is entrusted to the cabinet committee designated for this purpose. A decision by the cabinet committee concerned for privatisation of PSBs has not been taken in this regard," Sitharaman told parliament on Monday. The government will first introduce the Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021, which is listed to be introduced in the winter session of Parliament. The Bill is expected to lower the minimum government holding in public sector banks (PSBs) to 26% from 51%.

The Centre also wants to see how banks will deal with stressed borrowers as RBI starts unwinding support measures extended during Covid.

**41,177 POSTS VACANT IN PSBS**

The government on Monday said that 41,177 positions or 5% of the sanctioned posts at public sector banks were vacant, with SBI had the maximum number of vacancy at 8,544. Finance Minister told the parliament that the vacancy in PNB was at 6,743, in Central Bank of India at 6,295, in Indian Overseas Bank at 5,112 and in BoI at 4,848.

**TODAY'S STOCK PICK**

Current Price ₹3,615
Target Price ₹4,220
TCS

TCS has underperformed its peers in the last one year and is available at 20% valuation discount to its Tier 2 peers for the first time in history. This should reverse as peer growth starts to normalize as well as on increased aggression from TCS to gain market share. We expect TCS to benefit from demand tailwinds.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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GOVT TELLS HOUSE

# Over 600 illegal lending apps running; 27 blocked

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THE Centre on Monday said that there are over 600 illegal lending apps are operating in the country and are also available on app stores, however the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has managed to block just 27 out of it.

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Bhagwat Karad, minister of state for finance, admitted, "As per the findings of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s working group (WG) on digital lending, the number of illegal lending apps stood at approximately 600 from 1st January to 28 February 2021 and a number of these apps are available on app stores in the country".

The minister said 'Sachet', a portal established by the RBI for registering complaints has received around 2,562 complaints against digital lending apps from Jan '20 to Mar '21.

"Following the due process specified in Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking for Access of Information for Public) Rules, 2009 notified under section 69A of Information Technology Act, 2000, MeitY blocked 27 unlawful loan lending apps," the minister of state added.

Major concerns raised in such complaints were issues of exorbitant interest and charges levied by digital lending apps, and the harassment of customers for loan repayments. "The WG has taken cognisance of small ticket loans being given through digital lending applications, often at high/exorbitant interest rates," Karad said. The RBI has issued advisories to states to keep a check on such apps.

# TEGA DEBUTS UP 66%; MAPMYINDIA EYES BIG SHOW

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KOLKATA-based Tega Industries made a stellar debut on the bourses on Monday, listing at 66% premium over its issue price of ₹453. The stock was listed on the BSE at ₹753 a piece and closed its first session at ₹725.5, up 60.15%.

The Initial public offering (IP0) of the manufacturer of consumables for the mining industry had witnessed a robust response from all categories of investors, getting subscribed more than 219 times.

"Tega industry is debuting the secondary market on expected lines as the grey market was indicating a listing gain of 65-70%. The fundamentals of the company are very sound and the outlook for the industry is also bullish therefore long-term. Investors should hold this company into their portfolio while those who applied for listing gain can keep a stop loss at 690," said Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart.

If grey market premium (GMP) is anything to go by, CE Info Systems, which runs MapmyIndia, is also expected to have a bumper listing. MapmyIndia's GMP on Monday was around ₹1,020 or over 98% to its issue price of ₹1,039.

This means that the stock will list at around ₹2,000 a piece if the grey market premium does not fall before it hits the bourses.

The ₹1,040-crore public issue of MapmyIndia was subscribed 154.71 times on the final day of bidding.

Many experts have given a subscription status to the IPO as the company is providing 98.50% maps of the Indian Road and has a monopoly kind of a business.

The stellar response to these IPOs comes after a flop show put up by Star Health and Paytm. In both cases, high valuation and loss-making nature of the firms were concerns.

*METRO BRAND IPO SEES TEPID RESPONSE FROM INVESTORS*

New Delhi: The GMP of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala-backed Metro Brand's has been falling since the last couple of days, from ₹80 to ₹25 per share on Monday. The IPO saw tepid response from investors on the second day of the bidding as it got subscribed only 52%. The price band for the offer is set at ₹485-500 per equity share. Most analysts have given a 'subscribe' rating to the issue because of the growth opportunities in the footwear segment along with the company's strong financial track record. Analysts at Angel One, however, believe that the company is demanding an expensive valuation.

# Have to make 5G affordable: Minister

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"WE have to make 5G affordable," said Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Monday while addressing the CII Partnership Summit 2021. The minister also urged the industry leaders to participate in discussions and offer suggestions to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on the 5G spectrum pricing.

"They (TRAI) will come up with a final document, based on which government will take a decision. But the thought process is that we have to make it affordable. That's very very significant change in thinking and Covid made us realise the importance of telecom...everything went digital," said Vaishnaw.

Vaishnaw also recalled that earlier spectrum was seen as a resource which should maximise revenue but today the nation and entire society has recognised that there is a "public good" element in spectrum pricing. "Today there is a balance in thought process that between maximising revenue and providing maximising service to the poor...there has to be a balance... somewhere it should be struck. That balance is today in a consultation process in the country," he said.

The minister also highlighted how India has taken major strides to boost manufacturing of mobile phones, through policies and initiatives in the past few years. He mentioned that India is globally the second largest mobile phone manufacturer.

Meanwhile, Trai today extended the deadlines for stakeholder comments and counter-comments on its consulation paper, released last month to discuss modalities for auction of 5G spectrum bands, including pricing and quantum.

# Flipkart & Walmart invest $145 mn in Ninjacart

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US-BASED retailer Walmart Inc and Flipkart Group on Monday announced an investment of $145 million in agritech start-up Ninjacart. The Indian e-commerce firm claimed it to be the biggest deal in India's agritech space.

This is the third time Flipkart has invested in Ninjacart. The deal would peg the Bengaluru-based start-up's valuation at $750-800 million.

As a home-grown company, the company has constantly focused on creating the right infrastructure and technological solutions that support local farmers, producers, and food processors, said Kalyan Krishnamurthy, CEO, Flipkart Group. "With this investment, we are further able to strengthen our grocery footprint and offering as consumers across the country throng to e-grocery for quality and affordable options in the fresh category."

"Our investment and partnership in Ninjacart over the years is a testament to the continued commitment and success we have seen in our endeavour to create a democratic and organised agriculture market," he added.

The companies said the investment will accelerate Ninjacart's journey towards building tech and infrastructure to organise, empower and enhance the lives of millions of agri value chain participants.

E-commerce major Flipkart offers grocery in 1,800 cities & towns and aims to take its offering to 2,000 more towns by mid-next year, it said.

**EXPRESS READ**

**Vedanta drops cases against govt to settle retro tax dispute**

New Delhi: Mining group Vedanta on Monday said it has withdrawn cases in the Delhi High Court as well as before an international arbitration tribunal to settle a ₹20,495 crore retrospective tax dispute with government. In a statement, Vedanta said it has used the recently enacted law that scraps all demands levied using a 2012 retrospective tax legislation, to settle the dispute.

**Biz activity grows to new high despite Omicron threat: Nomura**

Mumbai: Despite fears of Omicron, business activity touched an all-time high since the onset of the pandemic for the week ended December 12, a Japanese brokerage said on Monday. The Nomura India Business Resumption Index (NIBRI), which compares the activity for a particular week as against the one before the onset of Covid, rose to 115.8 from the 112.9 for the previous week.

**NephroPlus closes $24 million Series E round of funding**

Bengaluru: Dialysis network NephroPlus has raised $24 million in its Series E funding round, led by IIFL Asset Management (IIFL AMC) along with investment from existing investors InvestCorp and Bessemer Venture Partners (BVP). NephroPlus had raised a prior round of funding in 2019 from InvestCorp. In the last two years, it has added 80 centres across the country.

# Unicorn Mensa Brands buys kidswear label LilPicks

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MENSA Brands, which turned into a unicorn recently, has acquired LilPicks, an emerging digital-first fashion brand in the kidswear segment for an unknown sum.

Founded in 2017 by Riya Gupta, LilPicks has witnessed rapid growth over the last four years and has expanded its presence in overseas markets such as Malaysia, Singapore and Nepal.

Ananth Narayanan, Founder and CEO of Mensa Brands said, "The kidswear segment is emerging with a lot of white spaces, giving us the perfect opportunity to grow the brand with the right product mix and distribution."

Mensa acquires digital first brands operating in different categories, including fashion and apparel, home and garden, beauty and personal care, food, and others. It says that e-commerce in India is at an inflection point of non-linear growth offering the best opportunity to build global brands from India.

According to Statista, India's apparel market was expected to grow at a rate of about 11% and reach a value of $85 billion by 2021.

The kidswear segment accounted for about 20% of the total apparel market in India in 2018. The segment was predicted to reach nearly ₹1.7 lakh crore by 2028.

# Shriram's 2 arms to merge with transport fin co

MUMBAI: Shriram group on Monday announced the merger of Shriram Capital Limited (SCL) and Shriram City Union Finance Ltd (SCUF) with Shriram Transport Finance Company (STFC).

The merged entity, to be known as Shriram Finance Ltd, will be the largest retail finance non-banking finance company (NBFC) in the country, the group said. "Earlier today the boards of Shriram Transport Finance, Shriram City Union Finance and Shriram Capital Ltd met wherein they unanimously approved a proposal to merge three companies, paving the way for creating what would be largest retail NBFC in the country," STFC Vice-Chairman and Managing Director Umesh Revankar told reporters.

Shriram Capital Ltd is the promoter of STFC and SCUF. Revankar said the expected timeline for completion of the merger is 9-10 months. *PTI*

**ON HIGH WHEELS**

BMW launches its first all-electric SUV iX in India at an introductory price of ₹1.16 crore.

# 'Coal mines to create 3L jobs'

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THE 41 coal mines offered in the first round of auction by the government is estimated to generate employment for approximately 3 lakh people, informed the minister of Coal and Mines Pralhad Joshi in a written reply in Rajya Sabha on Monday. In terms of revenue generation, the minister said, it is estimated that approximately ₹20,578 crore would accrue to coal bearing state governments considering production at aggregated peak rate capacity level of approximately 226 MTPA. "This estimate was based on the taxes applicable on approximately 226 MTPA of coal produced viz. royalty, district mineral fund, national mineral exploration trust, etc," said the minister.

As per the government, the ministry of coal has appointed a nominated authority for allocation of 204 cancelled coal blocks.

# Mutual fund houses line up before Sebi to seek approvals for silver ETFs

**UMA KANNAN** @ Bengaluru

TOP mutual fund houses are queuing up their Silver Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs) for launch. As many as seven silver ETF funds have been filed before the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) for approval for launch.

HDFC on Monday filed for silver ETFs with Sebi. ICICI, Nippon India, Mirae Asset Investment Managers and Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC, among other fund houses too have applied for silver ETFs.

Last month, Sebi had issued operating norms for the introduction of silver ETFs. It said that these ETFs have to invest at least 95% of their net assets in silver and silver-related instruments. While gold ETF was launched in 2007, after 14 years, silver ETFs will be launched that will help investors diversify their portfolio.

"In India, traditionally, people have been investing in gold and silver in the physical format. Given the growing financialisation and thanks to Sebi's guidelines paving the way for silver ETF, investors will have one more tool along with gold ETF through which they can participate in commodity markets in a meaningful way," said Chintan Haria, Head - Product Development & Strategy, ICICI Prudential AMC.

He added, "Since silver is bulky in nature and is difficult to store, we believe the ETF form will be one of the preferred ways for investors to take exposure to silver."

Abhishek Singhal, Head - Passives, Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC, said, "Given silver's traditional position next to gold as a precious metal, it remains in high demand for jewellery and ornamental demand from households. And yet, its industrial applications are on the rise with its demand coming from industries like Automobiles (EVs & Batteries), Electronics, pharmaceuticals & even Space. With demand growth at 15% p.a. outstripping supply growth at 8% p.a., silver could be the asset class to watch out for in the next year."

Sebi had said that the physical silver will be of standard 30 kg bars with a fineness of 99.9% purity confirming to London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) Good Delivery Standards.

## Laxman takes charge at NCA

VVS Laxman on Monday started his tenure as the director of cricket at the National Cricket Academy here. Last month, Laxman had accepted the BCCI's offer to take up the job. "First day in office at the NCA! An exciting new challenge in store, look forward to the future and to working with the future of Indian cricket," Laxman tweeted.

# Rohit out of SA Tests, Priyank in

Opener, who has been India's most consistent Test batter this year, injured his left hamstring

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

OPENER Rohit Sharma will miss all the three Tests against South Africa after injuring his left hamstring in a training session at Mumbai on Sunday. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) have drafted in replacement Priyank Panchal, the Gujarat opener who led the India 'A' side in two of the three four-day games during their tour of South Africa recently.

Rohit's place in the XI, though, will likely be filled by Mayank Agarwal. KL Rahul will be the other first choice opener. "Team India Test vice-captain Rohit Sharma sustained a left hamstring injury during his training session here in Mumbai yesterday (Sunday)," a press release from BCCI said. "He has been ruled out of the upcoming 3-match Test series against South Africa. Priyank Panchal will replace Rohit in the Test squad."

The vice-captain's (BCCI haven't named a deputy for the Test series) absence will be a big blow because he has been the most consistent Indian batter in the longest format in 2021. In 11 Tests, he has accumulated 906 runs at an average of 47.68. That's 200 more than Rishabh Pant. In fact, Rohit and Pant are the only two players in the side to average more than 40 in Tests this year.

Even if Panchal may not have been the obvious choice for a replacement, he does have knowledge of the environment, having played in South Africa recently (he made scores of 96, 24 and 0). The side also know him as the 31-year-old was part of the extended contingent that faced England at home. The Gujarat batter was a standby for the first two Tests at Chennai. The Ranji Trophy-winner has also compiled some decent numbers in domestic cricket, in 100 first-class matches he has 7011 runs at an average of 45.52. Interestingly, Panchal is already in India unlike the likes of Hanuma Vihari who was asked to stay back by the BCCI following the shadow tour which finished this month.

| 1ST-CLASS | |
|---|---|
| MATCHES | 100 |
| RUNS | 7011 |
| AVG | 45.52 |
| 100s | 24 |
| 50s | 25 |
| HS | 314* |

### Team staying in Gauteng

The team itself is scheduled to fly out from Mumbai on Thursday after completing a three-day quarantine in a city hotel. Upon landing in the country, they will be housed at the Irene County Lodge in Gauteng. The place, reportedly favoured by the hosts to stay during matches, is already in lockdown. "The plush Irene Country Lodge in Centurion has gone into full lockdown in preparation to host India for the Gauteng leg of the Test tour against SA later this month," a timeslive.co.za report mentioned.

# Shooting gets hit as SAI names TOPS athletes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

AS many as seven names were dropped from shooting's core group as the sports ministry released their first Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme list after the 2020 Games. This was the first meeting of the reconstituted Mission Olympic Cell and was addressed by sports minister Anurag Thakur.

Shooting, which had as many as 16 in the core list, only has nine now as the likes of Apurvi Chandela and Tejaswini Sawant have been dropped from it.

Shooting had been the biggest disappointment in Tokyo and the list is the reflection of that. Shot-gun exponent Mairaj Ahmed Khan too did not find a place. Elsewhere, all the four sailors who took part at the Olympics find a place.

In table tennis, two names — Harmeet Desai and Archana Kamath — have been added in the core group.

Though wrestling fetched two medals at the Olympics, it pruned its core group list by two and Seema Bisla (50kg) and Sumit Malik (125kg), who tested positive for a banned substance, have been dropped.

This is just the first list and other disciplines — badminton, boxing, athletics and archery among others — will be added later. Interestingly, there could be controversial drops in both those categories. There is a possibility that some big names can be dropped from the list. Even in athletics this could be the trend. Age and lack of consistency could play a factor while deciding on boxing and archery. In all 148 athletes, 20 of them new, found a place in the new list.

**New TOP Scheme list (only core group)**

**Sailing:** Vishnu Saravanan, Varun Thakkar, KC Ganapathy and Nethra Kumanan; **Shooting:** Divyansh Singh Panwar, Aishwary Pratap Tomar, Saurabh Chaudhary, Abhishek Verma, Elavenil Valarivan, Anjum Moudgil, Manu Bhaker, Rahi Sarnobat, Vijayveer Sidhu; **Swimming:** Sajan Prakash and Srihari Nataraj; **Table tennis:** A Sharath Kamal, Sathiyan Gnanasekaran, Manika Batra, Sutirtha Mukherjee, Harmeet Desai and Archana Kamath; **Weightlifting :** Jeremy Lalrinnunga and Mirabai Chanu; **Wrestling:** Ravi Kumar, Bajrang Punia, Deepak Punia, Vinesh Phogat, Anshu Malik and Sonam Malik.

# PSG date for Real in last 16

AFP @ Paris

PARIS Saint-Germain will play Real Madrid while Liverpool take on Inter Milan in two of the standout ties in last 16 of the Champions League after an embarrassed UEFA was forced to redo Monday's draw following a "technical problem".

PSG had initially been paired together with Manchester United but the reworked draw sees them play Real while the Old Trafford side will face Spanish champions Atletico Madrid.UEFA had earlier blamed a "material error" due to a "technical problem with the software" as it announced that the draw for the first KO round would have to be redone. The final will be played at Saint Petersburg on May 28.

**R16 matches:** RB Salzburg vs Bayern Munich, Sporting vs Manchester City, Benfica vs Ajax, Chelsea vs Lille, Atletico vs Manchester United, Villarreal vs Juventus, Inter Milan vs Liverpool, PSG vs Real Madrid.

# Mercedes lose protests, Max remains champion

AP @ Abu Dhabi

MERCEDES lost both of its protests after Lewis Hamilton lost the Formula One world title to Max Verstappen on the final lap of the last race at the season-ending Abu Dhabi GP.

After losing the protests, Mercedes filed for reconsideration to the International Court of Appeal. Verstappen overtook Hamilton on Lap 58 in thrilling style after a crash involving Nicholas Latifi brought out the safety car with just a few laps left and confusion surrounded the restart.

One of the lost protests was whether Verstappen had broken rules by passing Hamilton before the safety car period had ended. "Although Car 33 (Verstappen) did at one stage, for a very short period of time, move slightly in front of Car 44 (Hamilton), at a time when both cars where accelerating and braking, it moved back behind Car 44," stewards concluded.

"It was not in front when the Safety Car period ended (i.e. at the line). Accordingly, the Protest is dismissed." The other protest concerned the restart procedure itself and the number of lapped cars overtaking the safety car.

Mercedes argued Hamilton would have won if all had overtaken the safety car due to the time required, making a final lap showdown impossible. Stewards ruled it made no difference as the other three were not interfering with the outcome of the race.

EXPRESS READ

### Hyderabad thrash NorthEast United

BAMBOLIM: Hyderabad FC jumped to the second spot in the ISL standings after a 5-1 win over NorthEast United FC here on Monday. With 10 points in their kitty, Hyderabad FC trail leaders Mumbai City by just two points. NorthEast faced their fourth defeat in six games, leaving them at 10th on the table with just four points.

### Hockey Natls: Karnataka beat Puducherry

BENGALURU: Karnataka defeated Puducherry 4-0 in the Hockey India Senior Men National Championship in Pimpri on Monday. Harish Mutagar, S Deekshith P, Shamanth CS and Pavan Madivalar scored for Karnataka to remain unbeaten and stay on course of quarterfinal berths as well.

### FCBU thrash Young Challengers

BENGALURU: FC Bengaluru United maintained their unbeaten streak in the ongoing BDFA Super Division League with a 7-0 win over Young Challengers. Jaison Vaz (3'), Arun Kumar (6, 43, 44, 83), Asrar Rehbar (73, 90+3) were the goalscorers for FCBU. In one of the other games, BFC defeated Bangalore Independents 4-0.

### Karnataka Women's League from today

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Women's League will kickoff with Kickstart FC facing Bangalore Soccer Galaxy on Tuesday. Maatrupratishtana FC, BUFC, Misaka United, Bangalore Braves, Rebels, Parikrma, IFF and Slamzers Belgaum are the other teams in the league.

# Indian shuttlers lose in doubles

PTI @ Huelva (Spain)

TWO Indian pairs suffered straight game defeats to make first round exits from the BWF World Badminton Championship here on Monday. The Indian duo of Venkat Gaurav Prasad and Juhi Dewangan suffered a crushing 8-21 4-21 loss to Denmark's Mathias Thyrri and Mai Surrow, the mixed doubles first round match.

Then, in a men's doubles match, India's Arun George and Sanyam Shukla lost to the Chinese duo of Ou Xuan Yi and Zhang Nan 15-21, 14-21. The winners took just 32 minutes to seal the match in their favour. MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila are due to take on Danish pair Daniel Lundgaard and Mathias Thyrri in India's second men's doubles match of the day.

# AIBA is IBA, reforms begin

ENS @ Chennai

DAYS after the International Olympic Committee warned the international boxing federation (AIBA) to mend its ways or face possible eviction from 2028 Olympics, the AIBA renames itself to International Boxing Association. According to AIBA president it's an endeavour to shed all its dirty past and usher in a new clean future. According to a statement, the extraordinary congress tried to usher in a new era for the sport as the federation changed its acronym from AIBA to IBA while adopting a comprehensive set of governance reforms developed by independent experts. AIBA president Umer Kremlev during a press briefing said that it's been a year since he took over as its chief and since then has managed to bring in a lot of reforms. The Congress discussed Richard McLaren's investigation report too.


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**CORRIGENDUM**
In Reference to the Sale notice of **Mr. Ravikumar P** publication on **07.12.2021** in this newspapers please read the EMD Price as **Rs.3,30,000/-** instead of **3,00,000/-** all other contents unchanged.
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Place : Bengaluru Bengaluru, Bank of Baroda

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Jeevan Mangala, 1 and 2 floors, No.4, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025
**O.A.No.441/2020**
Between
**M/s. STATE BANK OF INDIA,** Assets Recovery Management Branch, Mysore Bank Circle, K.G.Road, Bengaluru. ...APPLICANT
AND:
**Mrs. Rashmi.T.,** ...RESPONDENT
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS
Whereas the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs. 39,57,491/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety One Only)** as on 27.01.2020 together with current and future interest and other reliefs.
You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons on or **09/03/2022 at 10.30 A.M.** in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence,
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **25th day of November, 2021.**
Sd/-Registrar
DRT-II, Bengaluru.
To,
**1. Kum. Rashmi.T,** D/o. Thimmappa, aged 33 yrs, # 3, 1st floor, 2nd Cross, Chowdeshwari Layout Apartment, Near Railgate, Nagenahalli, Bangalore-64.
Also at: Flat No.105, First Floor, ``Siddartha SriNilaya" Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-562107.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
It is informed to the General Public that my client Smt. Poornima Kulkarni daughter of Shri. Kasheenath Kulkarni and Shri. Shashikanth N V son of Shri. Venkatarayappa K, #J404, Sumadhura Soham, ECC Road, Besides G R Tech Park, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066 are interested in purchase of the below mentioned scheduled property, from Mr.Sivanarul Shanmugam and Mrs. Priya Mani G-02, B Block, ABAN Humming Bees, Krishna Reddy Layout, Somasundrapalya, HSR Layout, Sector-2, Bangalore-560102.Now they are being owner of the Schedule Property. It is also informed and brought to the notice of all that if any interested individual person/company/financial institution/Nationalized Bank/Co-operative Bank/BDA/KAIDB/etc, is having any claim over the Schedule Property, they may contact the below mentioned address/Mobile Number with documents, within 7 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice, otherwise my client will purchase the Schedule Property and my client is not at all responsible for any claim, that comes after 10 days.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property of the vacant possession to the respect Schedule bearing No 1217/A, A Block Situated in Sy. Nos. 7/1,7/2,7/3,7/4,7/5,7/6,8,8p,9/1,28.29/1,29/2, 30/1,30/2,31/1,37,38/1,38/2,38/3, 39/2,39/4,39/5,40,41/1,42/1,42/2,43,44/1P,45 and 46 of Kudlu Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore District in the layout plan of A.E.C.S. Ltd which has been approved by the Bangalore Development Authority as per the order dated 12.11.1992 in No BDA/TPM/DD/1263/92-93, BBMP Katha No 1511/1217/A., Measuring East to West :30 Feet, North to South :40 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq Ft. Together with all the rights appearance whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the
East by : Site No 1217/B, West by : Site No 1217, North by : Site No 1204 and South by : Road
**Narendra. R. Badiger, Advocate,** A-002,Ground Floor, A-Block Abhilasha Apartment Balagere Road Varthur,Bangalore-560087. Ct.9448172938

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PH: 080/ 27833466 M- 9483532408 e-mail : cb2408@canarabank.com

**SALE NOTICE**
**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **SME Bommasandra** Branch of the Canara Bank , will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **31/12/2021** for recovery of **Rs.2,43,19,399.85** as on 10.12.2021 due to SME Bommasandra Branch of Canara Bank from **M/s Unisys Communications Pvt Ltd** , Represented by its directors 1. **Mr V S Vijay Kumar, 2. Mrs Prathiba Vijay Kumar 3. Mr M Prabhakar.**
The reserve price will be **Rs.83,70,000/- (**Rupees Eighty Three lakhs Seventy Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 8,37,000/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Only)
The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **29/12/2021 upto 4 pm.**
**Details and full description of the immovable property**
Commercial Complex Bearing No 13/1-2 ,First Floor ,"SRINIVASA TOWER", constructed on schedule A property bearing No 13/1 ,100 feet road, BTM Layout Gurappana Palya, 1st Stage BBMP ward No 64, PID No 64-84-13/1 ,measuring 1466.66 sq ft area with 2 covered car parking in stilt floor together with proportionate share in common areas,passages,lobbies,staircaseand other common use in the name of Mr Prabhakar and bounded East by: Property No 13 belongs to S Dhanalakshmi, West by: Property No 15, North by: Property No 9 and 10, South by: 100 Ft Road
EMD shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, SME Bommasandra Branch, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 7949295000001, Canara Bank, RO East, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT CODE CNRB0007949 on or before **29.12.2021 upto 4.00pm.**
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer service providers Website : https://indianbankseauction.com or may contact **Mr. T. L. Anand Kumar, SME Bommasandra Branch, Canara Bank Ph. No.** 080-27833466 M- 9483532408 email: cb2408@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day.OR the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: **eauction@ccsl.co.in** Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr. Pakhare DD/ Mr.Ramesh T H – 9480691777 & 8553643144.
Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 10.12.2021 Canara Bank

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**
ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore-560068
**Whereas**
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Number (Loan Account Number (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN) | Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.) | Name of Branch |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Mounesh Laxman Badiger/ Lakshman Kalappa Badiger/ **ICICI New LAN** QZBIJ00005042944 **DHFL Old LAN** 06700001937 | Sy No 22/2 B, V P C No 535/33 Laid Out of Sy No 22/2b pf Palkimanya Tq Mudhol And Dist: Bagalkot East To West 9 Metres And South To North:12 Metres North: Road For Plots South: Plot No 535/34 East: Road For Plots West: Land of Sankappa Avaradi/ Date of Symbolic Possession-08.12.2021 | 06.10.2020/ Rs. 12,91,735.00/- | Bangalore |

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
**Date : December 14, 2021** **Authorized Officer**
**Place: Bangalore** **ICICI Bank Limited**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Imran Khan/ Arshiya Khanum/ LBBNG00005113288 | **Composite Schedule 'A' Property** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Municipal No.3 (earlier No. 1/2, Site Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 37, 64, 65, 66 & 67), totally measuring 20639 Square feet, situated at 7th Main Road, New Gurappanapalya, between Bannerghatta Road and Maruthi Co-Operative Society Layout, within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Gurappanapalya Ward No.64, PID No.64-69-3, Bengaluru. **Schedule 'B' Property** Undivided share, right, title and interest in the 'A' Schedule Property, which is equivalent to 600 Square feet of undivided land right. **Schedule 'C' Property** Flat No. UG-1 in the Ground Floor of the residential apartment building known as "Sunshine Apartment" constructed on the 'A' Schedule Property hereto above with a super built area of 1473 Square feet together with one car parking space in the stilt floor, having RCC roof, vitrified tiles and consisting of a hall, dining hall, living room, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, etc., and with common right to staircase and lift from the stilt floor up to terrace and all other ommon areas and the Flat coming under the BBMP jurisdiction of Ward No.171-Gurappanapalya assigned with the BBMP Property No.1-2/3/ Date of symbolic possession-08.12.2021 | 19.08.2021 Rs. 55,66,371.00/- | Bangalore |
| 2. | Prathibha M/ Umesh S Reddy/ LBBNG00005064140 LBBNG00005112802 | As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece and Parcel of Property Bearing Portion In Site No.1, H.A. Sanitary Board Katha No.337/2, New Bbmp Katha No.307, Situated At (Nagappa Reddy Layout) Kaggadasapura Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Comes Under The Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Limits, Bangalore., Measuring East To West : 40 Feet and North To South: 30 Feet in All Measuring 1200 Square Feet.,/ Date of Symbolic Possession-09.12.2021 | 23.07.2021 Rs. 74,15,010.00/- | Bangalore |
| 3. | Shankaranarayanan S/ Sangeetha P/ LBBNG00002471716 LBBNG00002471719 | **Schedule "A"** All that piece and parcel of property bearing Old Katha No.175 1. Old Property No.201/1 and 201/2. later BMP Katha No.24 & 25. presently bearing common Clubbed BBMP Katha No.24. PID No.84-2-24. situated at Chikka Banasawadi. K. R. Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk. presently Bangalore East Taluk. measuring: East to West 42 +56 feet. North to South 58 +48 feet, 2 2 totally measuring about 2597 Sq. feet, (as per Katha measurement is 2287 Sq. feet), with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface. **Schedule "B"** 266.79 Sq. ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. **Schedule "C"** Flat bearing No.302, in Third Floor, measuring about 1272 Sq. ft. super built up area. containing Three bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, along with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc. in the multistoried residential building known as "M.S. SAI RESIDENCY" constructed over Schedule "A" Property/ Date of symbolic possession-09.12.2021 | 13.08.2021 Rs. 36,58,211/- | Bangalore |
| 4. | Pankaj Ishwararlal Patel/ Patel Jayashreeben/ LBBNG00004860308 | **"Schedule A Property"** All that piece and parcel of the converted (vide Official Memorandum ALN(EBB) S.R.236/2012-13 dated 4-07-2013 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore district) vacant, immovable property measuring 2 (Two) acres of land out of 4 (four) acres bearing Survey No. 101, situated at Kithiganur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East, Bangalore. **Schedule 'B' Property** About 553 sq. ft. (Five hundred fifty-three square feet) of undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in the "Schedule A Property above. **Schedule 'C' Property** Apartment bearing No.305, A Block, 3rd Floor, measuring super built up area of 1492 square feet (carpet area of 1120 square feet) in the building being constructed, known as "VENKAT WINDSOR EAST" on the "Schedule A Property with the floors, ceiling and walls between units jointly belonging to such other Apartment Owners equally, including share of common areas such as passage, lobbies, stair-case, lift area, security rooms, overhead tanks, underground storage tanks and other areas of common use, with One Car Parking Area bearing No.305 in the basement floor./ Date of symbolic possession-09.12.2021 | 13.07.2021 Rs. 38,05,106.00/- | Bangalore |
| 5. | Debadatta Mishra/ Jayanth/ LBBNG00005156381 | **Schedule 'A' Property** All That Part and Parcel of Immovable Residential Property Bearing Sy. No.6/1 & 6/2, Measuring 46 Guntas or 50094 Sq. Ft. Duly Converted For Residential Purposes, By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Vide Its official Memorandum No. ALN.SR (S)490/2004-05, Dated 13-12-2004, Situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Within The Limits of Bbmp, it Has Assigned The Property With New Katha No.3437/2154/6/1 & 6/2, Katha Sl No.1951, Kothanur, Bangalore- 83 **Schedule 'B' Property** (Undivided Share and Interest Agreed to Be Sold) 515 Square Feet of Undivided Share Right, Title, Interest and ownership In Schedule A Property. **Schedule 'C' Property** (Apartment Hereby Conveyed and Sold) All That Piece and Parcel of The Immovable Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No.905, in Nineth Floor of The Apartment Building Known as "Thirumala Anemone Constructed on Schedule 'A' Property and Apartment Measuring 1719 Square Feet of Super Built up area, Consisting of Three Bedrooms With Two Attached Toilets and one Common Toilet, A Kitchen With Utility, Dining and Living Room With Balcony, Inclusive Of Proportionate Share in Common areas Such as Passages, Lobbies, Lifts, Staircases and other Built Up areas of Common Use, Including Free Club House Membership With Right to Use one Covered Parking Space in The Basement/stilt Floor With Exclusive Right to Use and Enjoy/ Date of Symbolic Possession- 09.12.2021 | 19.08.2021 Rs. 77,30,668.00/- | Bangalore |

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
**Date : December 14, 2021** **Authorized Officer**
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NEW STRAIN

# UK reports 1st Omicron death

Britain first to announce fatality from the mutation; launches ambitious booster drive

COVID

LONDON: At least one person has died in Britain after being infected with the Omicron variant, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Monday, as the country launched an ambitious Covid booster shot programme to stop the virus' spread. Britain is believed to be the first government to officially announce a death from the virus mutation.

On a visit to a vaccination centre in west London, Johnson said Omicron accounted for about 40% of the cases in the British capital, and hospital admissions were rising. "Sadly, at least one patient has been confirmed to have died with Omicron," he told reporters, a day after warning the country was facing a "tidal wave" of infection. Britain on Sunday sounded the alarm by raising the national Covid Alert Level because of high levels and rising rates of transmission. In a rare televised address, Johnson said emergency measures were needed to prevent hospitals becoming overwhelmed in the weeks ahead.

All adults will now be able to receive a third dose of a Covid vaccine by the end of December after the government brought forward its deadline by one month.

But in a sign of huge demand, the National Health Service (NHS) vaccination booking site crashed and users requesting rapid testing kits were told they were out of stock.

Long queues were seen at London clinics. At one, Sarah Jackson, 29, said she had taken the morning off to get a jab before visiting her grandparents at Christmas.

"I don't know if it's going to be enough. I was told there is a queue of two hours to register and then two hours to get vaccinated," she told AFP. "But I have to go back to work at 1:30 pm." The "turbocharged" booster programme has seen military planners asked to set up and run extra vaccination centres around the clock.

Some 500,000 booster jabs were given on Saturday but to hit the new deadline that number will have to be doubled every day for the remainder of the year to slow the spread.

Concerns have mounted about a new wave because of indications that two jabs are less effective against infection than three. There were 1,239 confirmed cases of the variant recorded on Sunday and scientists have said numbers are doubling every two to three days. Vaccination rates are high in Britain, with more than 81% or 46.7 million of those aged 12 and over having had a second jab.

Some 23 million or 40 percent have so far had a booster. The new measures come after face masks were made compulsory in indoor public spaces last Friday, and new testing and self-isolation rules for contact cases began on Monday. Workers were also told to stay at home, leading to a quieter than usual Monday morning rush hour.

EX FILE • EMISSION

## INDIA ON ROAD TO CLEAN ENERGY

India's commitment to emission controls will help it leapfrog to a more sustainable and reliable power system to serve its nearly doubling demands by 2030, says a study published by the US Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Here's what the study said

**GREEN ENERGY COMMITMENTS**

The Berkeley Lab made the observations viz-a-viz PM Narendra Modi's announcements during the COP26 summit. He had committed to bring down the dependence on fossil fuel by tapping into greener alternatives

**2070**

India seeks to attain its net-zero emission goals by 2070 by cutting down dependency on fossil fuels

India seeks to attain its climate goals while meeting the demands without compromising on industrialisation

**Toward an affordable and dependable grid**

If India continues making progress in replacing fossil fuel with renewable sources, the Lab says it could attain

**3RD**
India is the third largest energy consumer in the world

**149 GW**
India's current installed capacity of renewable energy

**175 GW**
Installed capacity in renewable sources is the target by 2022

**500 GW**
Target India seeks to achieve by 2030

**50%**
Electricity supply from carbon-free sources by 2030

**40%**
Current contribution of non-fossil sources to installed capacity

**HERE'S HOW IT COULD BE DONE**

Quadrupling total renewable energy capacity over the decade and complementing renewable energy buildout with flexible resources such as

1. Shifting agricultural electricity consumption to solar hours
2. Using batteries to store four to six hours of daily energy for nighttime use
3. Utilising existing thermal power plants flexibly instead of building new coal- or gas-based plants

**What did the Berkeley Lab seek to find?**

Using state-of-the-art computer models and simulations, researchers examined the least-cost investment pathway to reliably meet India's electricity demand through the year 2030

**8-10%**
Drop in India's electricity costs if it attains 500 GW non-fossil electricity capacity

**43-50%**
Decline in carbon emissions intensity of its electricity supply against the 2020 levels

One rider though is that prices of harnessing renewable energy and battery storage should continue to decline

**We found that building such high levels of renewable energy would actually be economical for India, thanks to the cost reductions in clean technologies that have occurred much faster than anticipated,"**

Berkeley Lab scientist and study's lead author Nikit Abhyankar

**Ill-effects of transition are few**

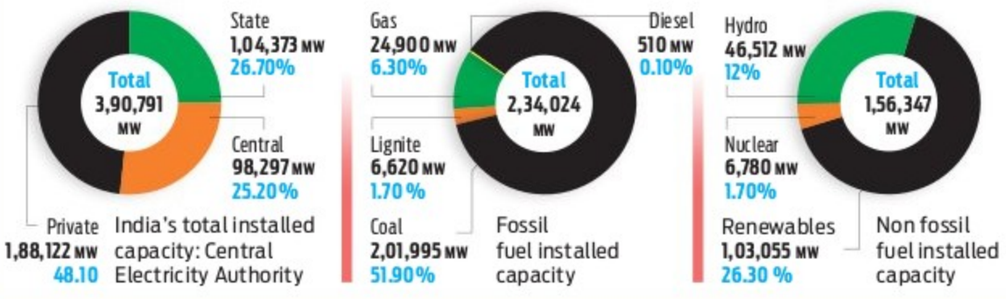
The study shows that by 2030, coal consumption and greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector can almost hold at 2020 levels. Transitioning to clean energy sources to meet electricity demands is therefore unlikely to lead to a loss of coal-mining and transportation-related jobs in the near to medium term

**Step in the right direction**

India's planned pursuit of greener alternatives to fuel its urbanisation and industrialisation is substantiated by a spike in the installed capacity of non-fossil fuel sources

**3,90,371 MW**

India's total installed capacity, fossil and renewable combined


Total 3,90,791 MW
State 1,04,373 MW 26.70%
Central 98,297 MW 25.20%
Private 1,88,122 MW 48.10
India's total installed capacity: Central Electricity Authority
Total 2,34,024 MW
Gas 24,900 MW 6.30%
Diesel 510 MW 0.10%
Lignite 6,620 MW 1.70 %
Coal 2,01,995 MW 51.90%
Fossil fuel installed capacity
Total 1,56,347 MW
Hydro 46,512 MW 12%
Nuclear 6,780 MW 1.70%
Renewables 1,03,055 MW 26.30 %
Non fossil fuel installed capacity

**Regulatory framework critical**

In a complementary report, the research team emphasized that an enabling policy and regulatory framework is critical for India to achieve this least-cost resource mix. Such a framework includes:

1. Enabling states to share resources with each other
2. Integrating reliability and cost-effectiveness in electric utilities' procurement practices
3. Widening and deepening the electricity markets
4. Ensuring that energy storage is appropriately valued and compensated for
5. Coordinating between power and gas sector operations for efficient utilisation of the existing assets

# Germany's climate fund gets $70 bn

CLIMATE

FRANKFURT: The new German government approved a 60 billion euro ($68 billion) climate investment plan in a cabinet meeting on Monday, laying the first stone towards achieving its ambitious environmental targets. The agreement was announced by Finance Minister Christian Lindner, who celebrated a booster for Europe's top economy and "the beginning of a climate-neutral and digital future for Germany".

The investment in the new government's "Climate and Transformation Fund", first announced on Friday, comes from unused debts intended to tackle the virus. The government had gained the approval from the German parliament to borrow 240.2 billion euros this year to finance measures to lessen the impact of the pandemic on businesses but will now only need 180 billion euros. Germany's coalition government of the Social Democrats, Greens and pro-business FDP has announced ambitious plans to tackle climate change, including ending coal power and generating 80% of electricity from renewables by 2030.

The fund, which builds on a previous "Climate and Energy Fund", will hold "around 76.2 billion euros" after the supplementary budget measures are passed, Lindner said. The fund would be topped up in future through the government's budget, the new finance minister said. Lindner stressed that the money did not amount to "new debt.

The coalition has promised a return to the so-called debt brake -- a rule enshrined in the constitution that normally limits Germany's public deficit to 0.35 percent of overall annual economic output – by 2023.

# China reports first infection from new strain

COVID

BEIJING: China reported its first case of Omicron variant on Monday. Authorities in the northern city of Tianjin confirmed the case in an individual who entered the country from an undisclosed overseas location, according to the *Tianjin Daily* newspaper.

The asymptomatic patient tested positive for Covid-19 on Thursday before further tests "confirmed the detection of the... Omicron variant", the report said, adding that the person had been isolated.

The world's most populous nation is on high alert for potential outbreaks as it prepares to host the Beijing Winter Olympics in February.

Disease control agencies affiliated with the State Council have ordered stronger virus protocols. China slowed its number of new cases to a trickle through a combination of tight border restrictions, mass testing and targeted lockdowns.

NET GAIN

Villagers gather to fish in the waters after a barrage built on river Teesta was opened for maintainance at Fulbari village on the outskirts of Siliguri in West bengal on Monday | AFP

# Microsoft's Nuance deal under probe

TECH

LONDON: British antitrust regulators are opening a probe into Microsoft's $16 billion acquisition of speech recognition company Nuance in the latest sign they're tightening scrutiny of big technology deals. The Competition and Markets Authority said in a brief statement Monday that it's looking into the purchase because of concerns that it could result in a "substantial lessening of competition" in the UK market.

Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft Corp. said in April that it was buying Nuance Communications Inc., a pioneer in voice-based artificial intelligence technology. Nuance was instrumental in helping power Apple's digital assistant Siri but later shifted to focus on health care with widely used medical dictation and transcription tools. The transaction, which was expected to close this year, would be Microsoft's second-largest deal, following the software giant's $26 billion purchase of LinkedIn in 2016. Burlington, Massachusetts-based Nuance has about 7,100 employees, more than half of whom are outside the US. British regulators have stepped up scrutiny of tech-related acquisitions. Last month, the competition authority ordered Facebook to undo its purchase of Giphy and sell off the GIF-sharing platform because it found the deal stifles competition for animated images and hurts social media users and advertisers.

US tech giants Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon and Microsoft have been accused of not paying enough taxes, stifling competition, stealing media content and threatening democracy by spreading fake news.

The digital giants -- collectively dubbed GAFAM -- are regularly criticised for dominating the market by elbowing out rivals.

The European Union has slapped a total 8.25 billion euros in fines on Google for abusing its dominant market position across several of its products.

FACT OF THE MATTER

## World's largest corundum

GEOLOGY

A gem company in Sri Lanka has unveiled a rare and massive gemstone weighing 310 kg that has been certified as one of the biggest corundums ever found in the country. Sri Lanka's National Gem and Jewelry Authority says it has done a series of gemological tests on five samples taken from the rock. "To our knowledge this specimen is indeed rare," read an authentication letter given by the authority. When the outer layer was removed, the interior showed a silky blue patchy appearance, suggesting the stone is a blue sapphire. Shanka Ruwanditha, a director of the company that owns the stone, told The AP that the owners plan to obtain the services of a local or foreign gem valuer soon to determine the price of the rock.

## No let up at La Palma

NATURE

A volcanic eruption in Spain's Canary Islands shows no sign of ending after 85 days, becoming the island of La Palma's longest eruption on record Sunday. The eruption has surged and ebbed since it first began spewing lava on Sept. 19. It has since destroyed 3,000 buildings and forced several thousand people to abandon their homes. On Sunday, after several days of low-level activity, the Cumbre Vieja volcano suddenly sprang to life again, producing loud explosions and blowing a vast cloud of ash high into the sky. Scientists say volcanic eruptions are unpredictable. Experts had said the eruption could last up to three months. From Saturday to Sunday, authorities recorded 24 earthquakes, but none was felt by local people.

PALEONTOLOGY

# *Fossil mistaken to be of saber-tooth's is of a new species*

STUDY

A fossilized creature believed to be a saber-tooth tiger was on display for decades at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC, but a recent re-examination shows it is a new species.

The new species, named Eusmilus adelos, had sharper teeth and was much larger than other saber-toothed animals, but they all lived side-by-side about 33 million years ago, the Daily Mail reported.

E. adelos is part of the nimravids, a group of mammals with cat-like body types that lived roughly 40 to seven million years ago.

Unlike most saber-toothed nimravids that were comparable in size to bobcats or cougars, the new specimen was closer to a Smilodon that that was similar to a modern-day lion.

"Nimravids were the first carnivorans to evolve saber-teeth, but previously portrayed as having a narrow evolutionary trajectory of increasing degrees of sabertooth specialization," Barrett wrote in the study published in Scientific Reports.

"Here I present a novel hypothesis about the evolution of this group, including a description of Eusmilus adelos, the largest known hoplophonine, which forces a re-evaluation of

not only their relationships, but perceived paleoecology."

The fossilized animal was removed in 2017 during renovations at the museum and Paul Barrett, a University of Oregon graduate student, decided to take a closer look.

Noticing the usually larger size, shape of its teeth and skull, Barrett knew it was outlier and chose its name because 'adelos' means 'for unseen, unknown, or secret' in Greek.

"For its time period, it was anomalously large," Barrett says, about the size of a modern-day lion. The new finding also prompted Barrett to rethink the evolution of nimravids. "Historically, our ideas of how nimravids evolved is that they got increasingly more saber-toothed until they went extinct," Barrett says. Those analyses focused mostly on the distinctive size and shape of nimravids' teeth. Barrett considered many other features of the animals too, like the size and shape of the limbs and spine. He also factored in details from the skull, such as passages for nerves, veins, and arteries. With those new details, a more complex story emerged.

Instead of simply becoming more saber-toothed over time, he proposed, nimravids split into two groups early on. One of those groups evolved saber teeth. The other branched out a variety of species that look more similar to today's cats.

Millions of years later, a similar pattern reoccurred in the family that includes modern cats, Barrett says.

## Typo costs thousands of dollars

TECH

A lapse in judgement cost an NFT holder thousands of dollars after he erroneously put a decimal point before the actual cost of the artwork's digital copy. The Bored Ape Yacht Club is a limited run of 10,000 pieces of digital art, each with minor variations. But the owner of Bored Ape number 3,547 made a fat fingered typing error when listing the item for sale online. The seller, maxnaut, told CNet he had meant to list Bored Ape number 3,547 for sale at 75 ethereum (ETH), the crypto-currency used for many NFT trades. But a "lapse of concentration" - during one of the many trades he lists online every day - had caused him to instead type in "0.75 ETH" ($2,989). So what could have been a $3,00,000 deal netted him only $3,000. "I instantly saw the error as my finger clicked the mouse but... it was instantly sniped before I could click 'Cancel' - and just like that, $250,000 was gone," he said.

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**DAY'S DIARY**

## *South Pole explorers*

Over a century ago, on December 14, 1911, a party of Norwegian explorers, under the command of Roald Amundsen, reached the South Pole

**DAREDEVILS AT WORK**

While the pole's existence was known, the inhospitable landscape was a barrier until Amundsen's party made the dangerous trek to stand at the geographical South Pole

**THE COMPETITION**

Amundsen race against British explorers under Robert Falcon Scott and beat them by 35 days with the help of faster sleds and skies

**THE JOURNEY BACK**

The explorers recorded scientific data at the pole and returned to their base safely at the Bay of Whales on January 25, 1912

*Amrutha Iyengar on working with Dhananjay*

PG 4

Home bakers in the city started preparation of plum cakes months ago which will soon be ready for dispatch

# FRUITS OF LABOUR

*At home, we grew up loving the Nilgiris and Thom's Bakery plum cakes, but the recipe that I use now is a combination of what my mother learnt from a neighbour who has been using it for generations*

Jyothi Varne, food blogger

ANILA KURIAN

FOR the last 15-odd years, home baker Michelle Gafoor wakes up around 4 am every morning in December to start her prep for plum cakes. She's known for her Christmas cakes, and friends, family and new customers alike look forward to the layered creation every year. "I can't really explain what my favourite part about baking plum cakes every year is but it's so joyful and definitely puts me in the Christmas mood. I love that I wake up before everyone in the mornings, have my prep ready before 10 am and start baking, wrap up everything by 9 pm, go to sleep and repeat the process all over again," says Gafoor, who was in the middle of the prep when we connected with her.

Gafoor began the process back in July by soaking the fruits in alcohol. "I took them out by December 1 and I've been baking something or the other every single day since. I'm expecting to bake around 300 kg of plum cakes this year," she exclaims, adding with a chuckle, "I just have to make sure that my family doesn't distract me when I'm at work so I have enough batter for each of my orders."

While there are commercial bakers who are known for selling plum cakes, home bakers in the city are quite in demand too. Food blogger Jyothi Varne has a Christmas bake sale every year and will have one this year too. "This time will be my fourth year of doing this and I follow a recipe that's been passed onto me for generations," explains Varne, who keeps the leftover soaked dry fruits for next year and mixes it to the new batch.

Varne makes her own spice mix which gives the aromatic flavours to the plum cake. "I have clients who ask for matured plum cake which is cake that's soaked in more rum once baked and kept to mature for a week or two," says the baker, who will start sending out her orders between December 21 and 29.

"At home, we grew up loving the Nilgiris and Thom's Bakery plum cakes, but the recipe that I use now is a combination of what my mother learnt from a neighbour who has been making it for generations and also the diploma courses I took for baking," says Varne.

Giving plum cakes a twist is home baker Sabitha S who not only uses the regular dried fruits but also adds cranberry, black and golden raisins, cashew, almonds and more.

"I actually sell it as a fruit cake since it's loaded with fruits and it's also less potent as I soak them only for a month or so before baking. I also cook the soaked fruits in rum and orange juice before using it in my batter," explains Sabitha.

Available throughout Christmas and New Year, Sabitha is able to churn out bulk orders thanks to an industrial oven at home. "The recipe that I use is a combination of my mother's and aunt's with my own twist to it. There's a sense of pleasure and satisfaction that baking gives me," she says.

Michelle Gafoor

Sabitha S

**TO ORDER**

**Michelle Gafoor**
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**Jyoti Varne**
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**Sabitha S**
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**SHELF LIFE**

# PAGE BY PAGE

After a virtual fest in 2020, the Bangalore Literature Festival is back with an offline event which will take place this weekend

EXPRESS FEATURES

FEELS like we are back to pre-pandemic days with offline events making a comeback. After a quiet 2020, the 10th edition of the Bangalore Literature Festival (BLF) will take place on December 18 and 19, at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. This year, there will be over 160 international, Indian and city authors and speakers at BLF, along with various other programmes.

Speaking to *CE*, co-founder of BLF Srikrishna Ramamoorthy says, "Unlike last year, this time, we are hosting an offline event. We know that the pandemic is still upon us, so we are anticipating about 500 people at the venue throughout the day and we will ensure that the visitors are double vaccinated."

Programmes like AMA (Ask Me Anything) with an author, conversations on fiction and non-fiction writing, Indian cinema, tech and startups, music, art and so on will be events visitors can look forward to. "We have writers like Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, Shashi Deshpande, Remo Fernandes, Jugal Hansraj, and more joining us this year," says Ramamoorthy.

The highlight of the literature festival is the focus on languages of Karnataka, curated by Prateeti Ballal. It will include conversations around scripting a future for endangered languages, history of Kannada literature and fiction without boundaries. The sessions will focus on languages, including Tulu, Konkani, Beary, Dakhni Urdu, Arebhashe, Kundagannada, Sankethi and Kodava. Speakers like Kaveri Ponnappa, Sayeegeetha Hegde, Melvyn Rodrigues, Brinda Somaya, Gayathri Shetty, Shantala Anil, Vittal Shenoy, Seetharama Kevala, Vishwanatha Badikana, N A Mahamed Ismail and B M Haneef, among others, will be at BLF. "All of them have a lot to say and add to the topic and we look forward to the conversations they'll bring forward," says Ramamoorthy.

*We are itching to meet, listen and understand this new world around us, in person. All the sessions planned at the festival are a flashback as also a forecast*

Shinie Antony, founder and director of Bangalore Litereature Festival

Like every year, BLF has partnered with bookstore Atta Galatta to give out the Atta Galatta Bangalore Literature Festival Book Prize to honour the best English fiction, non-fiction and Kannada writing. Co-founder of the book store Subodh Sankar says, "Seven years ago we started this prize and it's always great to recognise some of the well-deserved authors. BLF is a crowd-funded event and it's great to have the recognition that it does."

BLF's founder and director Shinie Antony says, "Last year and this, the festival has an against-all-odds feel to it. We are itching to meet, listen and understand this new world around us, in person. All the sessions planned at the festival are a flashback as also a forecast. The *Language of Grief* panel, in particular, addresses the wounded psyche and the scrambling to cope, to survive this. No one is untouched by the continuing suspense and yet there is a practical hands-on approach to everything, including literature."

*Bangalore Literature Festival is open to all. For registration, complete schedule and more, log on to bangaloreliteraturefestival.org*

**WATCH OUT**

The two-day event will feature many literary luminaries, artistes and analysts like Jahnavi Barua, AT Boyle, Anuja Chandramouli, Vasundhara Das, Stutee Ghosh, Sabrina Janesch, Syeda Hameed, Aakar Patel, Humra Quraishi, Rukmini S, Ashwin Sanghi, Arshia Sattar, Sahana Singh, Sugata Srinivasaraju, Rajiv Vijayakar, Shabnam Virmani and many others. While 120 authors and speakers will be present at the venue, 40 international and Indian authors will be participating virtually.

Finding partners using dating apps has become an acceptable reality; a recent study finds 90 per cent of youngsters are comfortable informing parents of meeting partners on such apps

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# MATCH POINT

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA

DATING apps have seen a surge in usage thanks to the pandemic which brought physical meetings to a halt. In fact, a recent study by one such platform, Aisle in November this year, has suggested that a staggering 90 per cent of young people are now comfortable telling their parents that they met their partner on a dating app.

This was from a survey of 20,000 people between the ages of 18-35. And 40 per cent of the respondents were women. The Aisle survey also pointed out that 83 per cent of respondents found that their families were in acceptance of their dating choices.

This also reflects the sentiment of 2,549 users were from Karnataka. Interestingly, the use of dating app has percolated into non metros — as 54.2 per cent of the participants in the survey were from non-tier one cities.

The pandemic is also a reason for such platforms to become popular. It tapped into the non tier-one cities as well.

Able Joseph, founder and CEO of Aisle, told *CE* that in 2020, they added two million users. He adds that the team also noticed a surge in the matches in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. In 2020, 45 per cent of Aisle's revenue came from tier 2 and 3 cities compared to 38 per cent in 2019.

The popularity was coupled by their launch of targeted platforms for their regional users. "We understand Indian sensitivities and know how regional influences play a role in choosing a partner," Able said.

The firm launched Arike' for the Malayalee audience, followed by Anbe' and 'Neetho' for the Tamil and Telugu speaking communities, respectively. "Over the last two years, our revenue has grown by 70 per cent, while the revenue from newly-launched vernacular apps is growing 30 per cent month on month," Able adds.

**CITY READ**

### Golfer selected for Global Child Prodigy Award

Amateur female golfer Avani Prashanth has made it to the top 100 child prodigies across the globe and has been selected for the Global Child Prodigy Award 2022 for excellence in golf. The 15-year-old started playing golf when she was around four years. She first played in a US Kids Golf European Championship in Scotland in 2013 and since then has been excelling at the US Kids Golf European and World Championships finishing top 3 and top 5 several times.The award will be presented at a gala ceremony in Dubai in February 2022 by noted personalities.

**BACKSTORY**

Uni Pay 1/3rd card is a Bengaluru-based fin-tech startup founded by financial services veterans, Nitin Gupta, Prakeet Jindal and Laxmikant Vyas in August 2021. The app works on a 'pay later' concept by dividing your spends into three parts (or three months). It aims to offer customers a flexible credit card payment option that is intuitive and transparent.

**FINANCE FUNDA**

The startup has raised seed round funding of $18.5 million through Marquee investors like Lightspeed India and Accel India, while still in stealth mode.

**STARTUP WATCH**

**USP**

According to the founders, the startup helps manage short-term money needs by providing a long interest-free credit product. Any transaction through the card will automatically split into three parts, paid over three months at zero additional cost. If the customer decides to pay back the entire amount at the end of the first month like he pays for a typical credit card, then he gets 1 per cent cashback or rewards. It also works as a physical and a digital card and it runs on Visa network that can be used across millions of merchants.

Nitin Gupta

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

Anyone between the age of 21 and 60 years and who has a presence in the credit bureau is eligible for applying for Pay 1/3rd. It caters to super-prime customers (with credit score above 726). The firm which is present in 50 cities across India, is currently clocking ₹120 cr as monthly disbursals.

## WINTER FASHION DEAL

Miniklub, a babywear brand introduces the winter collection range. The collection features warm and soothing colours, including girls pink pinney set, girl pastel colour blocked jacket, boys blue dino hooded sweatshirt and more.
**Available:** Miniklub website

## TASTY FLAVOURS

Gawky Goose is ringing in Christmas in style with a pop-up shop and special menu all month long. There will also be cheerful rhythms, tree lighting and seasonal interiors.
**When:** Till Dec 31 **Where:** Gawky Goose, Murgesh Palya

## ON STAGE

*Dance like a Man* is a two-act stage play written by Sahitya Akademi Award winner Mahesh Dattani. It is directed by Samragni Dasgupta and produced by Last Page Collective.
**When:** Dec 21, 7.30 pm
**Where:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar

## PURE AMUSEMENT

Looking for fun things to do in Bengaluru? Get on one of the 60+ exhilarating rides, or simply laze by the pool under the bright sun.
**When:** Till Dec 31
**Details:** bookmyshow.com

CATCH STANDUP COMEDIAN **APPURV GUPTA** AT HIS NEW SHOW KAAFI WILD HAI AT FORUM SHANKTINIKETAN MALL | **WHEN:** DEC 18 | **TICKETS:** BOOKMYSHOW.COM

## SEASONAL CHOICE

Till the New Year, URU Brewpark in JP Nagar will have a lavish festive food available along with spirits and drinks. Carols and Christmas decor will add to the festive celebrations.
**When:** Till Jan 1
**Details:** 080 4051 1500

## FESTIVE HAMPERS

Ahead of Christmas, JW Marriott Bengaluru is introducing their 2021 range of hampers with handcrafted seasonal bakes. It includes traditional stollen breads, cranberry oatmeal, prunes cherry spiced granola, cinnamon star cookies, honey ginger and much more. Prices starting from ₹ 2,500 ++
Details: 88844 94035

## HANDLOOM EXHIBITION

Visit Dastakaar Nature Utsav, a handloom exhibition, that will bring together rural weavers from across India to feature a vast collection of handlooms, dress material and sarees. It will display silver kundans, handmade paper, semi-precious stones, leather craft, handmade jewellery and much more.
**When:** Till Dec 19
**Where:** Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road,
**Details:** 98412 78707

## CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Sanskrit and Cultural Foundation is organising Maargasheershothsava 2021, a series of cultural events involving Hindustani music, Bharathanatyam recital, Kuchipudi recital, flute recital, mandolin concert among others. The month-long event will feature artistes like Pravin Godkhindi, M S Sheela, S Mahathi, among others. **When:** Dec 15-Jan 15,
**Details:** 9902942812

## CALLIGRAPHY COURSE

Interested in calligraphy? Attend this course to learn how to use the basic strokes, formation of alphabets, blending techniques and more. **When:** Till Dec 18
**Details:** insider.in

# QUICK FIX

## What's cooking

**IN YOUR KITCHEN?**
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

## BLACK BEAN BROWNIES

**INGREDIENTS**
- **Cooked black beans** (or canned): 1.5 cup
- **Oats:** 1/2 cup
- **Maple syrup or honey:** 1/2 cup
- **Cocoa powder:** 2 tbsp
- **Salt:** 1/4 tsp
- **Coconut oil:** 1/4 cup
- **Vanilla extract:** 2 tsp
- **Baking powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Chocolate chips:** 1/2 cup

**METHOD**
- Preheat oven to 176° C.
- Combine all ingredients except chocolate chips and mix thoroughly (until completely smooth).
- Mix in chocolate chips.
- Add to pan and bake for 15-20 minutes.
- Let your brownies coo. Cut and serve.

**— Michelle Suri, Bengaluru**

# FIT BIT

## BALANCING BITILASANA

(BALANCING COW POSE)

This is a creative combination of a kneeling yoga balance pose that challenges the strength of the core muscles. It requires complete awareness of the muscles engaged, but most importantly learning to bring the right weight on the weight bearing knee. Initially, there would be a lot of wobbling in the body, but consciously engaging the core muscles will help bring stability in the shoulder, hips, pelvis and knees. Holding the pose longer will help in bringing Sthiram and Sukham.

**STEPS**
- Start in Bharmanasana, grounding the knees and palms, open the chest as you inhale and come to Bitilasana (Cow Pose). Hold for 4-6 breaths.
- Balance on your fingertips and open the chest more as you look up, lengthening the arms completely.
- Inhale, lift the left knee off the floor and extend the left leg behind.
- Exhale completely, stay here for 3-4 breaths, focusing on engaging the core and distributing the weight of the body evenly at the hips, knee, shoulders, and fingertips.
- Inhale, gently lift one hand off the floor and then the other, opening the chest out. Balance here, pull the belly in and bring your focus to your core muscles. Exhale completely.
- Lift your arms and extend them behind you. Avoid jerks. When you get the balance, bring stability in the shoulders, chest, hips, and knee, and remain here for 2-3 breaths, initially.
- To release the pose, bring your hands down, then leg, then drop your hips and relax in Balasana for 4-6 breaths. Repeat with other leg.

**BENEFITS**
- Relieves stress, tension.
- Massages internal organs, which improves digestion.
- Improves blood flow.
- Stretches neck and torso.
- Relieves menstrual pain and cramps. Improves the reproductive system.
- Useful in strengthening the spine muscles, joints of hip, knee, and shoulder.
- Stimulates the nervous system.
- Increases flexibility.
- Good for anyone suffering from fibromyalgia.

**LIMITATIONS**
- Those who have injuries in shoulders, wrists, neck, hip, knee or the back, avoid this.
- People suffering from blood pressure, migraine, spondylitis and arthritis of the knee and wrists, avoid this.

*By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science), at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai*

## SOUND BOARD

### DEEP COVER: THE DRUG WARS
Marijuana, motorcycles, and mayhem. Deep Cover is the true story of an FBI agent in Detroit who goes undercover in an outlaw motorcycle gang and makes a series of bizarre discoveries that inadvertently lead to the US invasion of a foreign country.
- On Apple Podcast

### THE HABIT COACH WITH ASHDIN DOCTOR
Ashdin Doctor takes you through the creation of simple habits around, health, sleep, de-stressing, productivity, movement, nutrition and relationships.
- On Apple Podcast

### BEAUTIFUL STORIES FROM ANONYMOUS PEOPLE
Every week, comedian Chris Gethard opens the phone line to one anonymous caller. From shocking confessions and family secrets to philosophical discussions and self-promotion.
- On Spotify

### NAAN CURRY WITH SADAF AND ARCHIT
Chef Sadaf Hussain explores the rich heritage of food in India one dish at a time with researcher Archit Puri. The conversation will give you a historical perspective on the evolution of food in the country and dive deep into its economics.
- On Gaana

### OLOGIES WITH ALIE WARD
Take away a pocket full of science knowledge and bizarre stories about what fuels these professional -ologists' obsessions. Alie Ward asks smart people stupid questions and the answers might change your life.
- On Apple Podcast

## POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

### YAJAMAN
Vaanavaryan, the much-loved leader of a village, invites his rival Vallavarayan's wrath when he marries Vaitheeswari, the woman he loves. To take revenge, Vallavarayan resorts to drastic measures.
- Cast: Rajinikanth, Meena

### KIZHAKKU CHEEMAYILE
A brother shares a close bond with his sister and is ecstatic to see her get married. However, problems arise when his new brother-in-law disapproves of the sibling relationship.
- Cast: Vijayakumar, Raadhika and Napoleon

### KIZHAKKU VAASAL
When an influential man from the village tries to molest Thaayamma, an orphan, she escapes from his clutches and is saved by Ponnurangam. Eventually, they fall in love.
- Cast: Revathi, Karthik

### KIZHAKKU MUGAM
A village headman's daughter falls in love with a man who works at a burial ground. After much reluctance, he gives in to his daughter's wish, on the condition that the man leaves his foster mother.
- Cast: Karthik, Reshma

### KANNUPADA POGUTHAIYA
Vetrivel, a respected man, dearly loves his brother and sacrifices his love for him. Problems arise when his brother, Subramaniyam, starts suspecting him of having an affair with his wife Gowri.
- Cast: Vijayakanth, Simran

## WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

**1 "ASTRAL PLANE" BY VALERIE JUNE**
Blending folk, soul, blues and Appalachian traditional elements, Valerie June is a singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who began her career in Memphis, Tennessee. The musician delivered an uplifting, ethereal performance of "Astral Plane" as part of TED's Countdown Global Livestream on October 30, 2021.

**2 5 KEYS TO SHIFTING TO SUSTAINABLE GROWTH — AND THE COST OF INACTION BY SANDRINE DIXSON-DECLEVE**
In conversation with TED global curator Bruno Giussani, co-president of the Club of Rome Sandrine Dixson-Decleve shares what we've learned in the 50 years since the Limits of Growth report — and discusses the launch of Earth4All.

**3 3 WAYS TO LOWER THE BARRIERS TO HIGHER EDUCATION BY ADRIAN K HAUGABROOK**
Less than seven percent of people worldwide have a bachelor's degree — and for many, this is simply because the cost of university is too high, says higher education executive Adrian K. Haugabrook. He introduces an innovative approach to expanding access to higher education by driving down costs and rethinking three key things.

**4 HOW ONE OF THE MOST PROFITABLE COMPANIES IN HISTORY ROSE TO POWER BY ADAM CLULOW**
In the 17th century, the Dutch East India Company pioneered trade routes between Asia and Europe. That came with an overwhelming cost in human life. Adam Clulow sheds light on the Dutch East India Company's invasion and genocide of Indonesia's Banda Islands.

**5 HOW GOING TO MARS IMPROVES LIFE ON EARTH BY ERIC HINTERMAN**
Aerospace engineer Eric Hinterman invites us to dream big and imagine what technological advancements could come next, explaining why establishing a human presence on Mars is a big step for life on Earth — and a giant leap toward becoming a space-faring species.

# NOW STREAMING

## REGIONAL

### SHUTTER (Marathi)
When Jitya Bhau returns to Maharashtra, his friend locks him up in a commercial space with Thankam, a prostitute. Things go down the hill when his friend is unable to let him leave.
Cast: Prakash Bare, Sachin Khedekar, Sonalee Kulkarni, Amey Wagh
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

### MALIK (Malayalam)
Sulaiman raises his voice against the rampant corruption in his coastal village and soon becomes an influential person. However, his estranged nephew is tasked with bringing about his downfall.
Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Nimisha Sajayan, Vinay Forrt, Joju George
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

### MADHURAM (Malayalam)
Manikyam, a generous man and the owner of a factory, offers Dhana, a young unemployed boy, a job and shelter. However, Sunitha, Manikyam's wife, develops feelings for Dhana.
Cast: Joju George, Arjun Asokan, Nikhila Vimal, Shruti Ramachandran
- Watch on: SonyLIV

### OREY BAAMMARDHI (Telugu)
Rajashekar, a traffic police officer arrests Madhan, a bike racer for breaking the rules. Situations make them hate each other.
Cast: Lijo Mol Jose, GV Prakash Kumar, Madhusudhan, Kashmira Pardeshi, Dheepa Ramanujam, Siddharth
- Watch on: Aha

### NINNA SANIHAKE (Kannada)
Aditya and Amrutha meet each other at a prank-off and grow to be lovers. Eventually, they get into a live-in relationship and discover each other as they try to overcome family troubles, societal norms, and trust issues that threaten their future. Will their love stand the test of time?
Cast: Suraj Gowda, Dhanya Ramkumar, Aruna Balraj
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

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# SURVIVING A TABOO

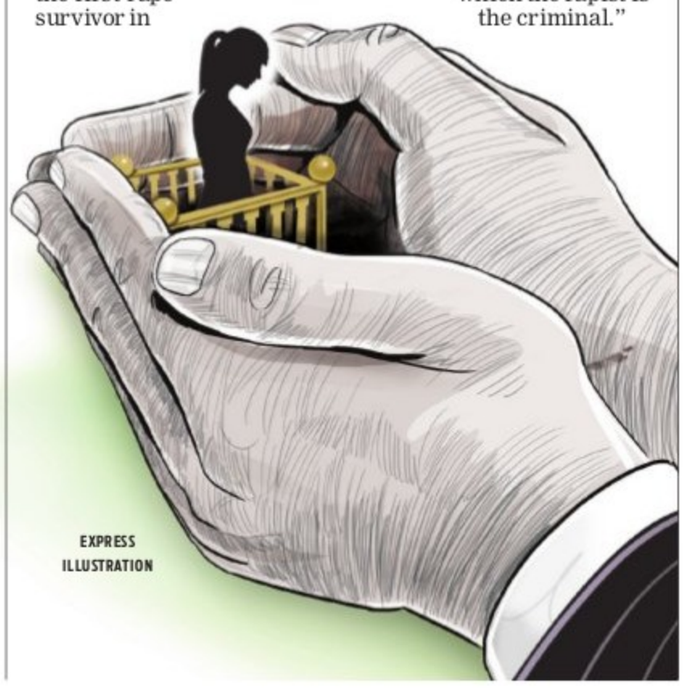
WHEN I read *The Madwoman of Jogare* by Sohaila Abdulali's for the first time, I had a hard time believing it was the author's debut. Abdulali's writing brims with natural craft and astounding descriptions. The novel develops in a village near Karjat in the Konkan region of Maharashtra. The indigenous tribal people of the valley, a white man who runs an establishment for their benefit, a Bombay-based social activist, protagonist Ifrat and her eccentric parents, a young builder who dreams of bulldozing the green valley to construct apartments, villas, condos, the madwoman and the picturesque, mysterious valley itself – form the major characters of the novel.

I must have read this book countless times. While discussing the novel, someone said that most of the literary debuts are usually autobiographical in nature. *The Madwoman of Jogare* is a model work from the perspective of the ecofeminist literary criticism. There are many more reasons why I admire Abdulali. She has worked as a teacher, journalist, researcher, industrial spy, blogger and what not. Now a freelance writer, she lives in New York.

More than forty years ago, at the age of seventeen, Abdulali survived a gangrape. By the time she was 20, in 1983, she openly wrote about it in a women's magazine – perhaps the first rape survivor in India to do so. When her article re-surfaced on internet almost 30 years later, it was flooded with comments. Abdulali did not want it to be the only impression about her so she wrote an op-ed piece about her recovery in the *New York Times* and it went viral. Her book *What We Talk About When We Talk About Rape* deals with various social, personal issues related to rape and healing.

While writing about the global response to her piece, Abdulali emphasises on the need to do away with the stigma surrounding a rape. She speaks of doing everything in her power to stay alive while being raped. "Time and again, people have hinted that perhaps death would have been better than the loss of that precious "virginity." I refuse to accept this. My life is worth too much to me," she wrote in her first article, narrating how the cops managed to make her feel like the guilty party.

She wrote about her speaking to a group of Indian women and a mother among them telling her that if her daughter ever got raped, she would never let her speak out in public. I recall a case from my high school years wherein a batchmate of mine who got pregnant after being raped by a relative chose to attend classes. I doubt anyone was kind to her. She wrote her exams and had the baby. I never heard her speak. Not much has changed in all these years. Rape survivors do not have a voice even now. Abdulali says, "We must stop shrouding it in secrecy, and must see it for what it is — a crime of violence in which the rapist is the criminal."



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## CITY READ

### Food-tech startup launches Christmas goodies

E-commerce platform, Living Food Company, has introduced a range of limited edition goodies for the Christmas season. It includes European Christmas specials, holiday brunch board, Christmas cheese platter and special DIY hot chocolate. Their cheese collective also features mascarpone, mozzarella, ricotta among others. To order visit Living Food Company website

AFTER HOURS

# Fit bit

Dr Mohan Mylarappa

A DJ, marathoner and taekwondo trainer...meet Dr Mohan Mylarappa who loves to experiment with different fitness routines while he attends to medical emergencies

SANATH PRASAD

AN early morning run, followed by kickboxing training, and then a match of football. This is what Dr Mohan Mylarappa, who is working as a consultant emergency medicine at Columbia Asia Hospital, followed as a fitness routine while pursuing his post graduation in emergency medicine in Kolkata around 2011. However, one morning, things turned out to be a little dicey. While Mylarappa and his friend, an emergency consultant, were running around the playground, some miscreants took objection and stopped them from entering a particular area of the ground. When the miscreants ganged up against the two and got into a physical fight with them, what followed was a scene from any action movie.

In response, Mylarappa and his friend, both kickboxers, used the martial art to give them a "good bashing". Mylarappa, is a first-degree black belt taekwondo trainer who considers the martial art as an act of 'self-defence' and 'discipline'. However, certain situations in life have prompted him to use it wisely. "Actually, my interest in taekwondo increased after watching *Transporters*. I immediately signed up for the class the next day. Beyond responding physically, taekwondo has taught me how to diffuse an uncontrollable situation without using physical force," says the 37-year-old, who has been practising the martial art for the last 16 years with the Taekwondo Association of Karnataka. He begins his day with a 20-minute martial art practice at home and then heads to hospital. He manages a host of medical emergencies, including accidents, heart attacks, strokes, falls, paediatric emergencies, snake bites, among others.

Dr Mohan Mylarappa participating in a marathon event

What also supplements his martial arts' training is running, swimming and cycling--which also makes him a triathlete – something he has been pursuing in the last four years. From participating in half-marathons to full marathons and long-distance cycling, Mylarappa juggles between fitness and emergency work. "Besides helping myself keep abreast with health, I love to talk about having responsible fitness goals with my patients. I also guide fitness enthusiasts who visit me with lower back aches, twisted ankles, in training wisely and advising against overdoing workouts," says Mylarappa, who has also clocked in over 120 marathons in 2017-2018 in Bengaluru.

What also keeps Mylarappa busy is music. Not as a singer but as a DJ and dancer. Mylarappa is a professional DJ who completed his advanced DJ training course from ILM Academy in 2011. "I am a hardcore music enthusiast without any bar on the language. As a post graduation student in Kolkata, I used to perform in many night clubs and at private parties. However, these days I do only private gigs for my close circle," says Mylarappa, who loves to play techno and trance music. But how does juggling between so many passions complement his medical work? "I ensure I start my day by practising taekwondo. I give my body enough oxygen to breathe, muscles to relax that will help me kickstart the day's work. In any given medical situation, my temperament and stress levels are balanced," says Mylarappa.

SMASH HITS

- **2007** Started practising taekwondo
- **2008** Received a yellow belt promotion
- **2008** Bagged a bronze medal in the 23rd national and the 3rd international ITF Taekwondo championship
- **2016** Gold medal in 13th south and west India ITF Championship
- **2017** Running marathons

# Fun facts about the history of caroling

*(The authors run SaPa - the Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts)*

CAROLING is an integral part of the holiday season in many parts of the world. It has always been a common scene – in the movies, on television shows, and more – to include at least one scene where a group of people go from door to door, singing popular Christmas songs and making the day a little happier.

This tradition, spanning hundreds of years, has seen many historical events. Today, many groups are doing what they can to keep the idea of caroling alive. Virtual and drive-by caroling are some of the more creative, pandemic-safe ways to keep celebrating.

Here are some little-known facts about how caroling evolved:

1. Carols were passed on from generation-to-generation by word of mouth until the 16th century: Even though the earliest evidence of caroling can be traced back to the 4th century, carols were never written down and documented until much later. They were simply taught from one generation to another.

2. Carols initially had nothing to do with Christmas: The history of caroling has some dark roots. It was a way for the poor to receive food and drink from the rich, in exchange for singing outside their door. The songs weren't specifically about the holiday season, but they did wish everyone good health and cheer.

3. They once included elements of dance as well: Mercifully for non-dancers like ourselves, this tradition was left behind many centuries ago.

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4. They helped bring Christmas celebrations back in England: Around the late 17th century, businesses wouldn't even close around the holiday season. Some of the people who worked to bring the holiday back with Charles Dickens, who wrote A Christmas Carol partly to revive the celebrations.

Carols played a critical role in bringing the celebrations back to life. Many collections of carols were published around this time, which became instantly popular and a way to bring a cheerful spirit around Christmas time.

Even pre-pandemic, caroling was in decline. This was partly because with technology, there were new ways to bring Christmas music in the air. Either way, most people were no longer willing to go door to door caroling, even if it was an integral part of their childhood.

Today, many groups in the US are doing what they can to bring caroling back. One group sent virtual telegrams to loved ones, while others are hosting caroling contests and encouraging the public to play its part in keeping caroling alive.

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# THE SEEDS OF CONFLICT

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

WHEN telling a story, we want to start at the beginning. With people in relationships, we might start with, "Tell me how you met," and hope there's a meet-cute story behind it. At times, there's the instant connection. At other times, there are stories of how it was all wrong or the timing wasn't right even if they liked each other, or there are stories of a gradual joining, or accidental togetherness. The general starting point is easy enough to get to by just asking for that story to be told from the beginning.

When people are in conflict though, it is never easy to get to a starting point of where it all started going wrong, how it became this nasty. Imagine you meet them when they have been going at each other hammer and tongs for hours if not days, the fight escalating all the time, and there you are, asking them what happened, how did all this start.

Chances are that there is no agreement on how and when it started. Even if there was a particular incident that seems like a triggering event, the seeds of the explosion were probably sown a long time ago. Scratch the surface of the fight a little, and you will likely hear things like, "I am never supported! It is always my fault!" Or other things like, "When will it ever be about me! Am I invisible?"

The conflict may seem to have started just now, but the readiness to fight started when each party in the relationship had consciously or otherwise began to stockpile negative experiences, be it assessments of each other, memories of unaddressed grievances, things that they let go at the moment while keeping a tally of how much they are letting pass without comment, and other such things.

Even if we are just by ourselves, we end up in conflicts with our own self – what we choose versus what was ideal, what we aspire for and what we get. So, why wouldn't there be conflict when there are actually multiple people in the picture? There are constant causes for arguments, friction and conflicts between people.

We fight within ourselves and with each other often enough, but a fight can only become a war, a raging one at that, if there is a stockpile of weapons and armaments.

If we don't really have a stockpile of regrets, resentments, wish lists, negative assessments, judgements, pigeonholing and what not, we might face the conflict just for itself. We may not get into cycles of violence, whether physical or otherwise, where it feels like the story is never-ending, the "who said/did what and when," narration seems to go on forever.

If people truly want their conflicts to end, we need to ask if there is willingness to disarm, not just put down their weapons for the moment, but truly disarm. Now, there's a challenge – how do we get anyone to disarm without everyone disarming? Countries don't. Can individuals in loving relationships?

Komica Anchal

# Komica Anchal to star in Diganth-Tarun Chandra's next

The film, directed by Anand Mishra, will be a paranormal thriller backed by Kamar Factory

CE FEATURES

KOMICA Anchal will star in debutant director Anand Mishra's upcoming paranormal thriller. The film tentatively titled *Trin Trin* will have her sharing screen space with Diganth, and Tarun Chandra.

Diganth & Tarun Chandra

The project has been officially confirmed by the production house, Kamar Factory. Komica is a model-turned-actor who has a background in engineering. She will be making her debut with a yet-to-be-titled film in Kannada, and the Anand Mishra film will be the actor's second project. She is also busing with a couple of music albums and wishes to enter Bollywood soon.

Anand, who is inspired by Korean and Hollywood films has explored a subject on parallel universes and time travel. The team plans to launch the film on January 17, 2022. The film's cinematography is by HC Venu and music will be by Anand Raja Vikram.

# 'DHANANJAY IS LIKE AN INSTITUTION'

**...says Amrutha Iyengar, who talks about her upcoming film, *Badava Rascal* directed by Shankar; says she is happy to associate with her good friend and actor**

Amrutha Iyengar

A SHARADHAA

AMRUTHA Iyengar had only planned to do one film in her career and get back to pursuing her Psychology studies. However, destiny had other plans. "First, I had an offer from director Suri, which I just could not reject. Then came *Love Mocktail*, and *Shivarjuna*. Right now, I have *WindowSeat, Family Pack* at different stages of production, and *Badava Rascal* up for release on December 24. Since my career was taking off in a good way, I decided to give up on my studies, and focus on what best I can do here," Amurtha tells us.

Amrutha feels that her patience has finally paid off. "After two lockdowns, and a long wait, I get to see three of my films releasing in the next few months," says Amrutha, adding, "*Badava Rascal* is very close to my heart. All of us involved in the project have a personal connection with the film. The response we got for the *Udupi Hotel song* too was reassuring. People, who would connect me with *Love Mocktail*, would go on to establish me as the *Badava Rascal* heroine in the audience's hearts."

The actor plays Sangeetha, a politician's daughter, and the difficulty she faces when she falls in love with a middle-class boy. "My character undergoes a transition, which is also the turning point of the film. I had to mentally prepare to play these episodes, and the team had worked on a particular look for me, which will work out with the audiences," she says.

A still from *Badava Rascal*

To be associated with her good friend, and actor Dhananjay, who is also the producer of *Badava Rascal,* Amrutha says, "I accepted this film but never asked for details about my role. I was confident that Dhananjay would come up with a good film because this was his first production venture. His professional journey, and what he has seen in life, apart from films inspires me. For me, Dhananjay is like an institution, and every time we meet, I have something to learn from him. I am glad that I got the opportunity to work with him on two films." Amrutha also had a few words to say about debutant director, Shankar. "The dialogues penned by director Shankar were realistic and candid." Recalling memories of the *Badava Rascal* shooting, Amrutha says that the Srinagara area in Bengaluru more or less became a film city for the team. "Every day, we would have a conversation with local auto drivers, cab drivers, street vendors when they shared their experiences, and those were the best part of Badava Rascal for me."

*Badava Rascal* also stars Nagabhushan and Poornachandra Mysore. Vasuki Vaibhav has composed the music for the film.

# 'First time I have played a rustic, de-glam character'

Rashmika Mandanna

MURALI KRISHNA CH

RASHMIKA Mandanna has become a household name across South India. Having established herself with films like *Kirik Party* and *Geetha Govindam,* the actor, who made her Tamil debut with Karthi-starrer, *Sulthan*, is now all set to feature in her first pan-Indian release, *Pushpa: The Rise – Part 1*, which is set to hit the screens on December 17.

**There's a lot of excitement surrounding your onscreen chemistry with Allu Arjun.**

Working with Allu Arjun has been a dream come true for me. The characters we play in the film share a unique vibe. I am confident that my chemistry with him will work bigtime for the audience. I really like Allu Arjun's work ethic and as a co-star, he is the best. He has been calling me Crushmika, a nickname he made up with the words: National Crush and Rashmika. On the sets, he would keep teasing me by saying, "Hi Crushmika, what's up?" It made for some jovial banter between us.

**Talk to us about your character in the film.**

I am playing Srivalli, a playful yet cunning character. In the film, Allu Arjun is Pushpa Raj for everyone, but for Srivalli alone, he is just Pushpa. I absorbed what the director (Sukumar) told me. This is the first time that I have played a rustic, de-glam character. I learned the Chittoor dialect for the film and gave as many as three look tests to see how I would fit the part. Once we began the shoot, I also got trained in body language, voice modulation and diction. I think we are still figuring out what Srivalli is to this film, and perhaps, the second part may tell us more.

**It must have been quite a task, matching the steps of Allu Arjun, who's thought to be among the best dancers in the industry?**

Honestly, I didn't dance with Bunny (Allu Arjun) sir... but I do dance to win the interest of Pushpa's character in 'Sami Sami' song (smiles). For the next part (*Pushpa 2*), I will request Suku (Sukumar) sir to somehow plan a song for us. That said, I can't quite believe that I have pulled off the 'Sami Sami' song. Bunny sir was there for every shot, and I saw how he translates his vision to make each song of the film the best. The credit for how this song has come should go to everyone, including Bunny sir, Devi Sri Prasad, Sekhar master, Sukumar sir and myself...

A still from *Puspha*

**Samantha Ruth Prabhu has also done a song in this film...**

Yes, she looked really attractive, and I am grateful to her for doing the song (*'Oo antava...Oo oo antava'*). I texted her to say that she looked really good. She is a superstar, and she has done something like this for the first time in her career.

**You are also working on two Bollywood films, *Mission Majnu,* and Goodbye. How different have those experiences been?**

The makers of both films have been warm and welcoming. They told me that they liked my performance and have expressed their happiness that I am a part of their films. It's usually the hero who gets such reception, but this experience and their gratitude has made me feel really special. The shooting of *Mission Majnu* is over, and as for Goodbye, there are two weeks of shoot left. ). Up next, I am doing *Aadavallu Meeku Joharlu* with Sharwanand, and have signed a film each in Telugu and Hindi as well.

# SS RAJAMOULI: *RRR* WILL BE MORE EMOTIONAL THAN *BAAHUBALI*

BHUVANESH CHANDAR

IT is not an exaggeration to say that SS Rajamouli is now world-renowned. After the incredible success of the Baahubali films, as one can imagine, there has been much expectation surrounding the release of his next film, *RRR*. The director, along with Ram Charan, Jr NTR, and Alia Bhatt, experienced this hype first-hand during their recent publicity tour. "We have put our full effort into creating this film, and in the end, it's up to the fans to decide whether we have made something big. I think the film will appeal to them," said the director.

The pressure of being part of such a magnum opus can get overwhelming, particularly for the stars at the centre of it. Jr NTR shared that they were all scared, given the trust Rajamouli reposed in them. "When he trusts you as much, it becomes challenging. He is one of the few directors who is able to tickle the hunger of an actor. Over the years, as actors, you do things in a calculated way, but Rajamouli sir was able to take us into a zone from where we felt that hunger again." This isn't to say that Rajamouli doesn't make great demands on you as a performer. "He does but he also guides you into delivering what he's looking for." Ram Charan believes that Rajamouli has done full justice to recreating historic heroes, Alluri Sitarama Raju and Komaram Bheem. "He sketches each and every character in a clear manner and he knows exactly how it will appear on-screen. It's really helpful when the filmmaker puts in that homework."

SS Rajamouli

Did Ram Charan and NTR ever consider swapping their characters? No, they say, but admit that there was "definitely a lot of envy" due to the different schedules. "While I was shooting for my scenes, NTR would be free on the sets and I got envious," said Ram. The pressure on Rajamouli to provide equal space to both characters must have been immense. "The story manages this," said Rajamouli. "After I completed writing the story, it was an instinctive decision to Ram and NTR in these roles. I wanted actors who could portray a certain brotherhood." In addition, the director was clear that the stars have a 'certain image' as they were portraying Alluri and Komaram, two legends cherished by the people. "It was surprising for me to learn that these two characters led similar lives, and yet, they had never met. I have fictionalised that meeting and have tried to imagine what it might have been like for them to meet each other," he explained.

An excited Alia said that she did not want to restrict herself to Bollywood. "I want to branch out and challenge myself. *RRR* was a great experience, and the film's team took good care of me. I was touched to see the love of fans. I would like to act in more South Indian films," she said, sharing that she would love to become a household name in the South. The cast was united in admitting that Rajamouli's *Baahubali* has aided the popularity of cinema from the South. "People are now in search of talent, and any actor can work in any language. One day a great movie will be made in India, like Mahabharata, which is Rajamouli's dream project. When that happens, actors across the country will come together."

Rajamouli was quick, however, to note that he would fail if we wrote a film, keeping in mind the stardom of actors. He wants to work with actors like Rajinikanth and Amitabh Bachchan, and yet, he is grounded enough to know that desire alone isn't enough. "The story should take us to the actors. That's how I have always cast my protagonists. Doing the reverse is the wrong approach; I like to be an honest filmmaker."

He is confident that audiences across the country will connect with *RRR* because of the emotions. "That is why Baahubali worked so well—the emotions worked. In fact, I think *RRR* will be more emotional than Baahubali. It also has more well-written characters than *Baahubali*." Despite the national, and why, even global fame, the director remains clear that his films will be made in the Telugu language. "That's because I think in Telugu and so, it will be difficult for me to make films in other languages. Moreover, I make films about people from Andhra. It is all about the story." But Hollywood is a definite no, he declared. "Why do we have to do a Hollywood film when there are so many actors and stories here?"